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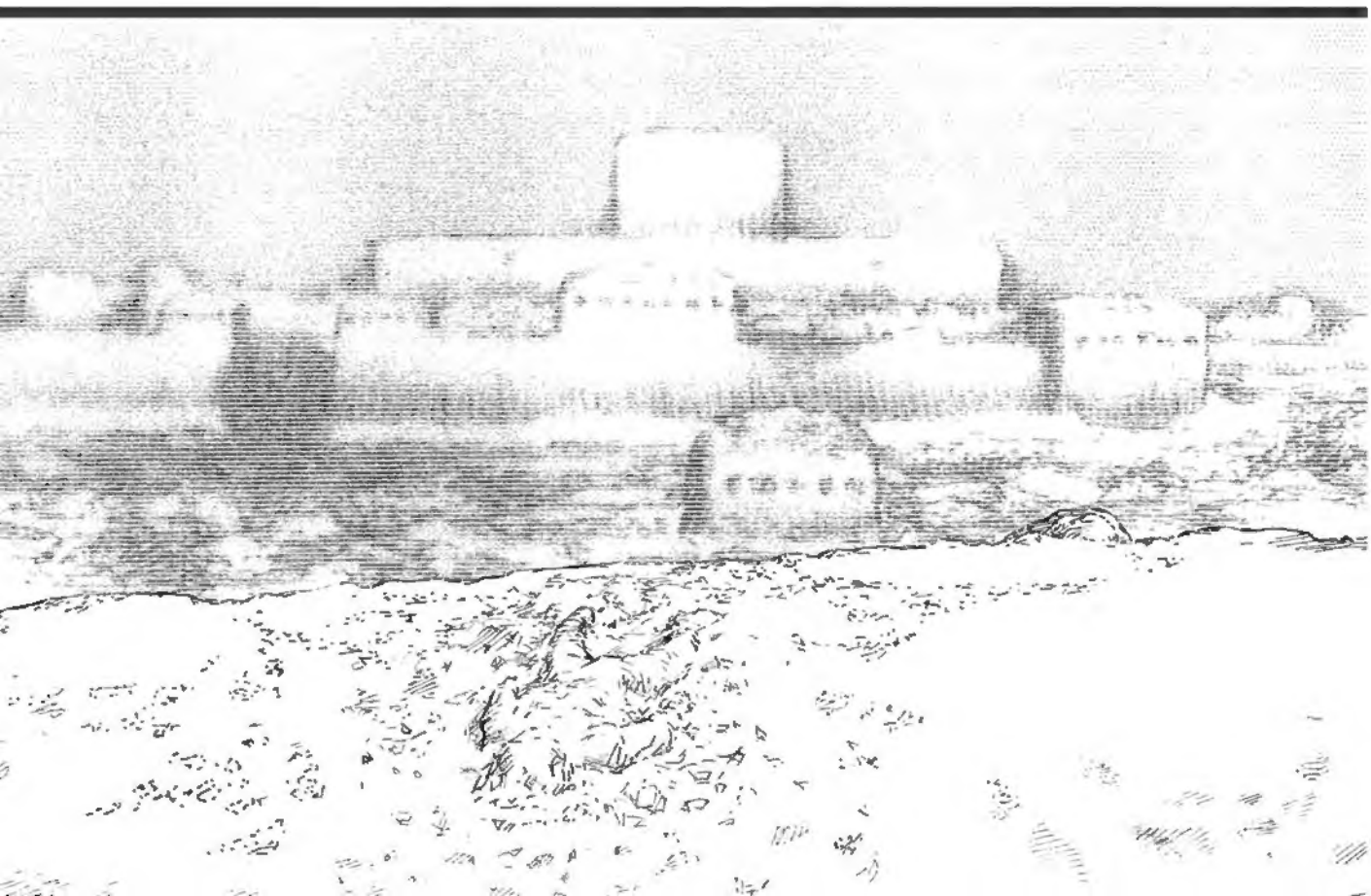
— STORY —

After fully unleashing her hidden power, Kosuna repels her trackers!

The new pursuers are the 8th Army, superpowered soldiers led by Desert Punk! Wielding abilities that can rival Kosuna's, a heated pursuit unfolds! Kosuna finally manages to reach the hideout, and the operation comes to an end. However...



—CHARACTERS—

West Oasis Government

Mitsuru

Son of Koidemizu, Sunabozu's master. He leaves Sunabozu and partners with Kosuna. A sufferer of the Hulk disease.

Master and pupil

Kosuna (Koizumi Taiko)

Aspiring to be the strongest beauty in the Great Desert of Kanto, she becomes a pupil of Sunabozu. Her skills rapidly improves, but declares her independence from Sunabozu upon his betrayal. Currently living out her uncompromising everyday life...

In Opposition

Currently on opposing sides

Former master and pupil

The Majority Faction (Otaki faction)

Currently holds the majority within the West Oasis government. Believes they should leave the Earth's rebirth to its own ability to regenerate. As is the case with the Opposing Faction, the story has yet to reveal who is in control behind the scenes.

Desert Punk (Mizuno Kanta)

The main character, formerly a talented handyman of the desert. He is also Kosuna's master. A sly man, he betrayed the Dissident Faction and switched sides to the Majority Faction. What happens to him after that remains a mystery, but he is now leading the Eighth Army of West Oasis.

Wants to fuck

Utterly exploiting

Asagiri Junko

"The Vixen of the Desert." She uses her cunning to swindle one man after another. Defects with Sunabozu to the Majority Faction.

In control of

Dispatched as subordinates

Cyborg Soldiers

They are advanced technology from the Dark Ages, and they hold tremendous combat power. They are currently being controlled by Sunabozu.

Tsurara

Furuido

Sunabouzu's subordinates in the Eighth Army. Furuido was knocked out in the chase for Kosuna, which allowed her to escape.

Rivals

At War

The Opposing Faction (Anti-Government Faction)

A group that proposes using remnant technology from the Dark Ages to efficiently aid the regeneration of the now-desolated Earth. The leader behind the scenes has yet to be revealed in the story.

Respects

Managed to escape?

Kawaguchi Fuyuo, Akio, and Haruo

AKA "The Machine Gun Brothers." They have known Sunabozu since their childhood days, but they don't get along with him. Their trigger-happy style of shooting is nothing but crude. Were persuaded by Natsuko to join the Opposing Faction.

Siblings

Kawaguchi Natsuko

The sole sister of the Kawaguchi siblings. Works hard and becomes an officer of the Oasis army, but later joins Kaido and co. due to their shared ideology. Currently a core member of the group.

Negotiating

Superior of

Tanigawa Seiji

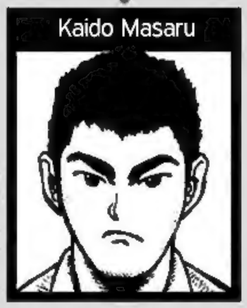
Former technician at the Uzumaki Industry. After being deceived by Natsuko, he takes the new suit from the company and runs for his life. Later joins the Opposing Faction.

Ikeda

An academic studying the Dark Ages. He is active within the Opposing Faction, but is too kind-at-heart to be good at those jobs.

Kaizuka Kaoru

The President of the Game of Life Company. A patron of the Opposing Faction, he is however abducted by the Majority Faction. Current whereabouts unknown...



Kaido Masaru

An idealist who sets out on a wandering after pulling out from the military. After his meeting with Sunabozu, he returns to the army and joins the Opposing Faction.

South Oasis Government

They have been in combat with the West Oasis Government for over three years. The Southern Alliance refers to the South Oasis government-affiliated resistance within West Oasis territory.

Escorting (Mission Complete)

Amami

The VIP of the current mission. Currently injured.

Amagumo (The Rain Spider)

Sunabozu's rival handyman. A pervert to boot. Mainly takes requests from the South Oasis.

The shadow of her master, Desert Punk, closes in on Kosuna!

For the time being, she has managed to escape from her source of trauma despite her full-blown panic!

And with that, we turn our eyes to a different story...

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3 YEARS, 10 MONTHS AGO

THE WEST OASIS D-3 RESOURCE MINING VILLAGE
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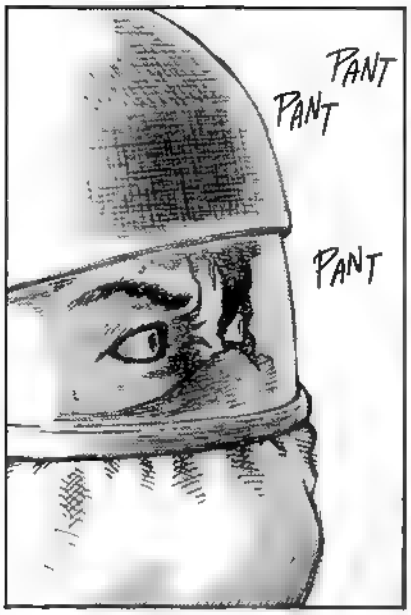
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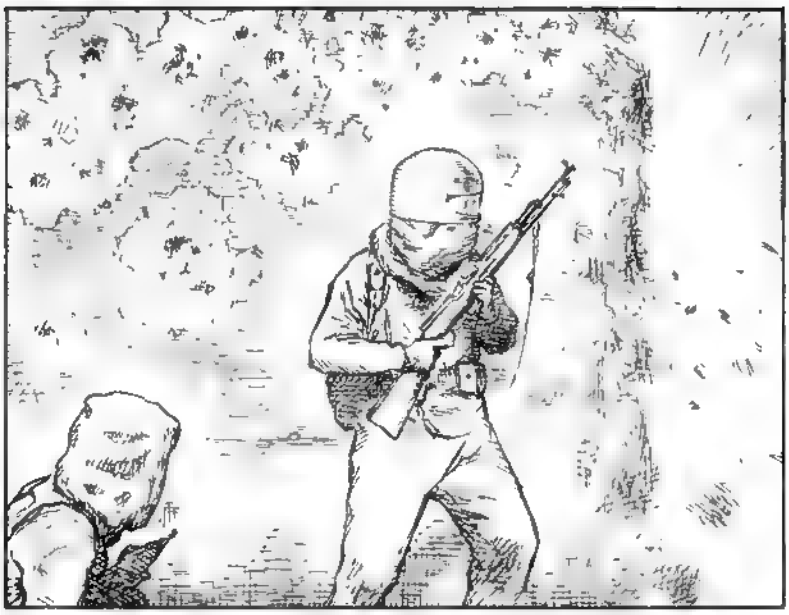

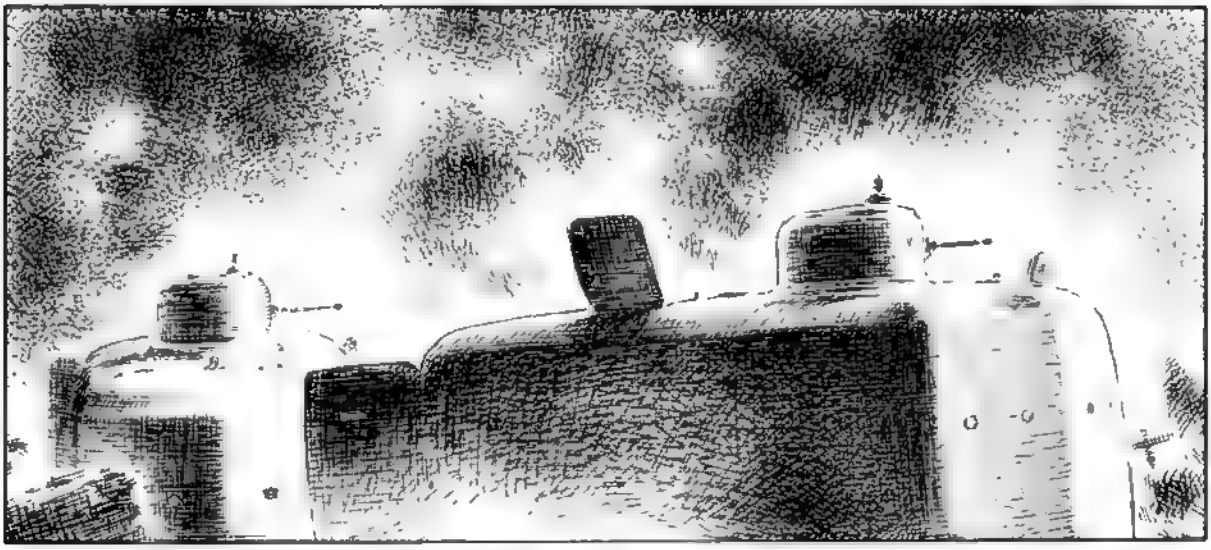

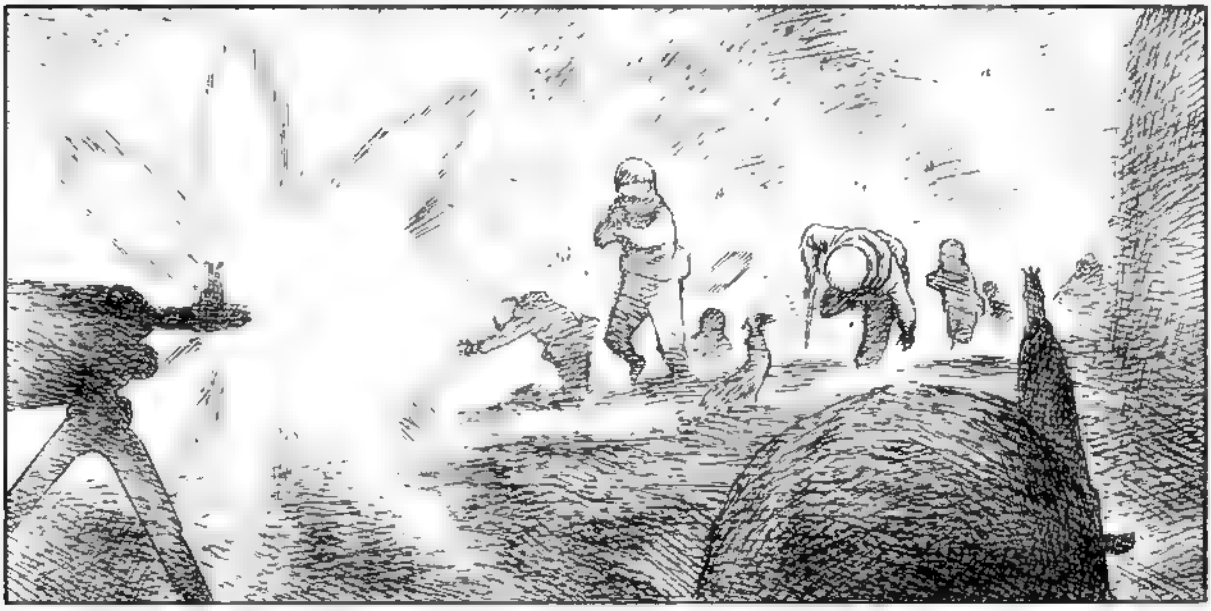

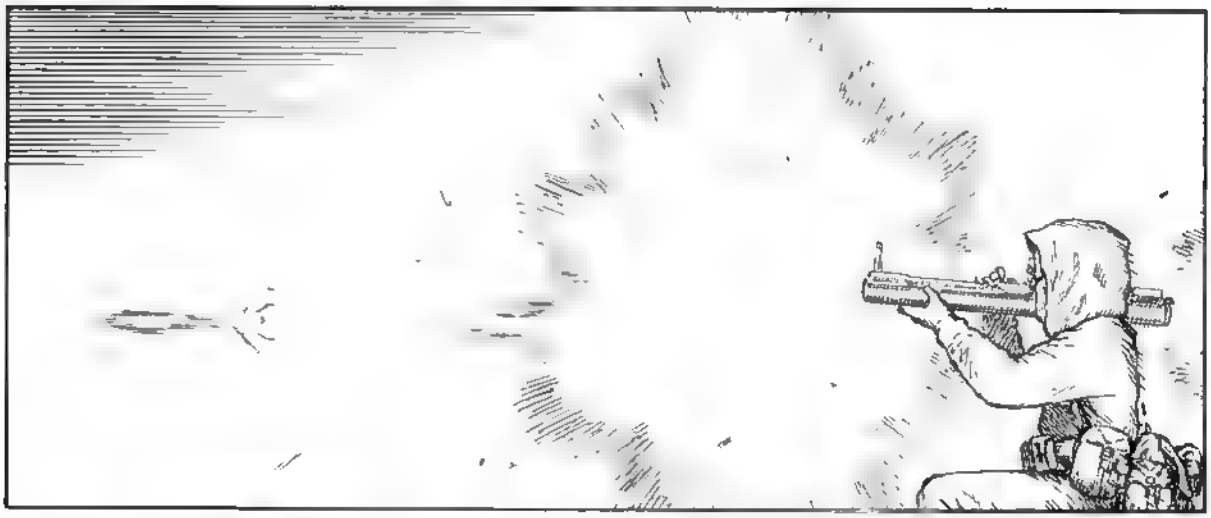

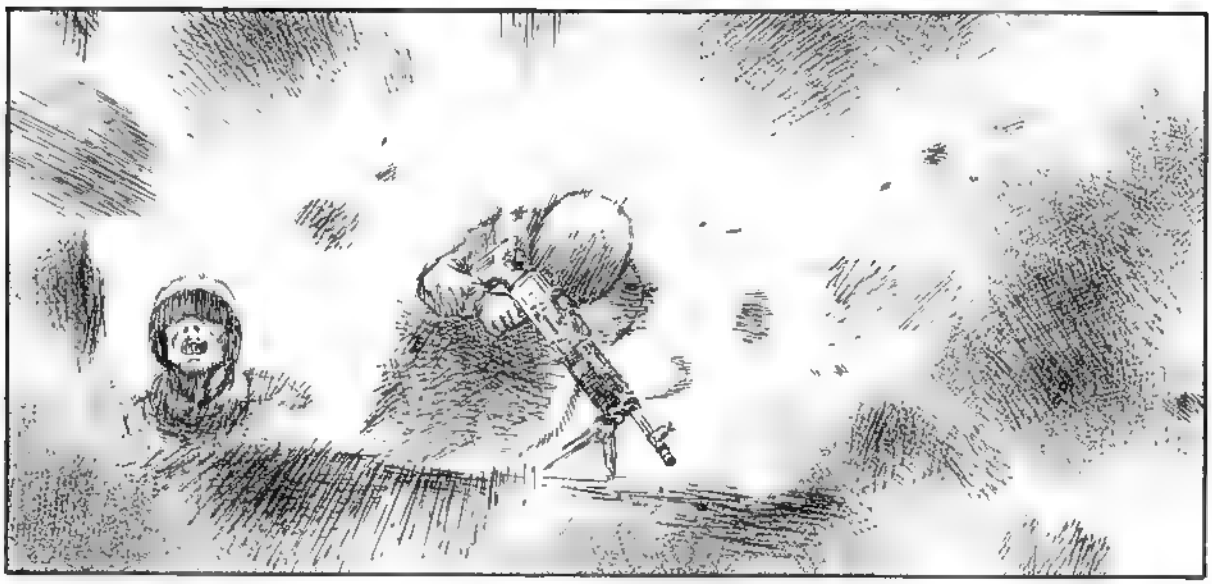

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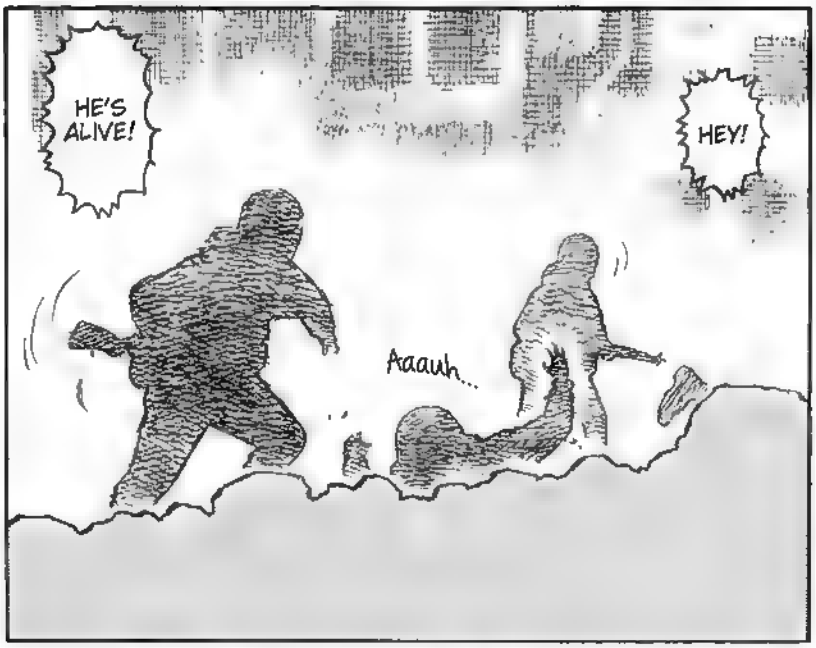
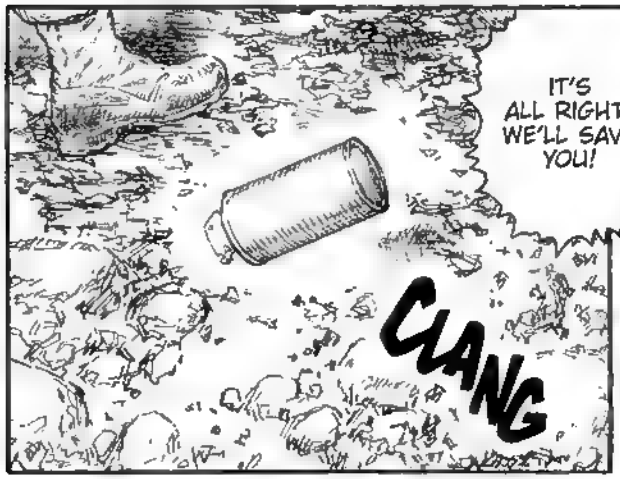
THUD


HE'S ALIVE!
HEY!
Aaauh...

UGH...


IT'S ALL RIGHT! WE'LL SAVE YOU!
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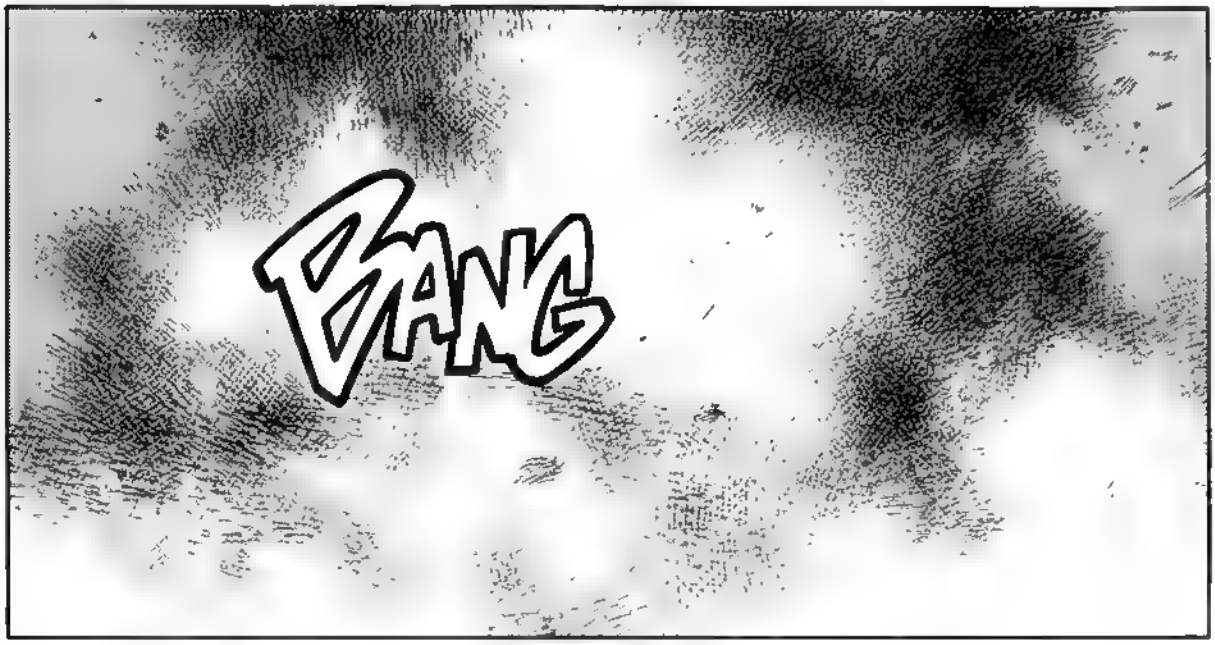
WATER PURIFIER
HANG IN THERE!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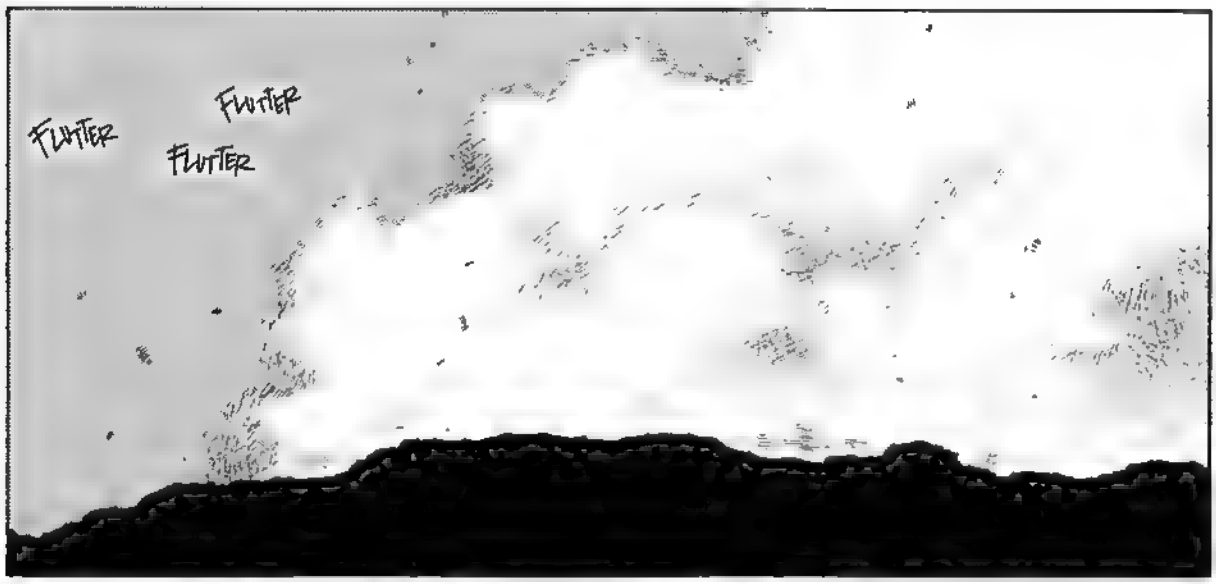
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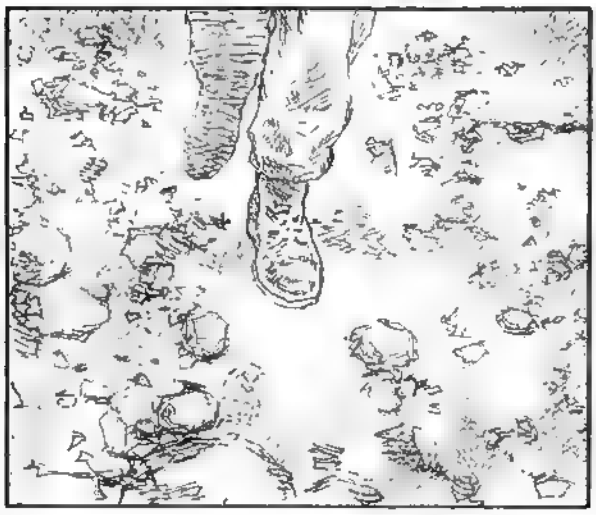

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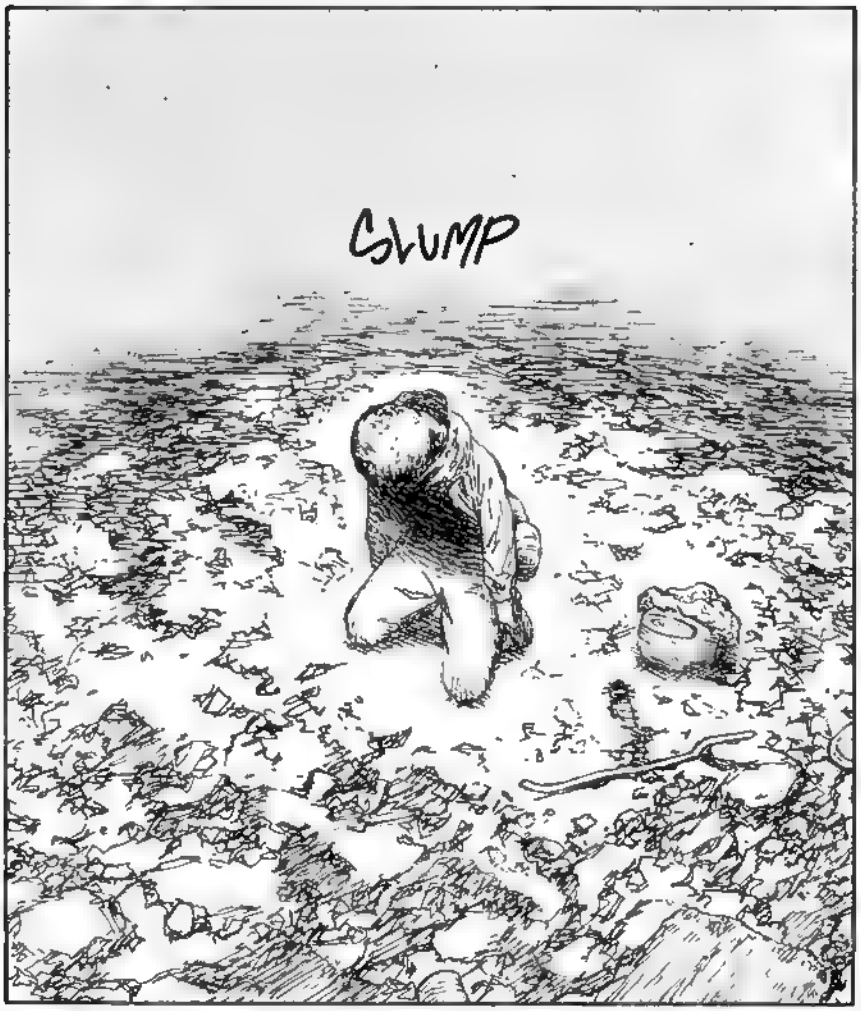
WOBBLE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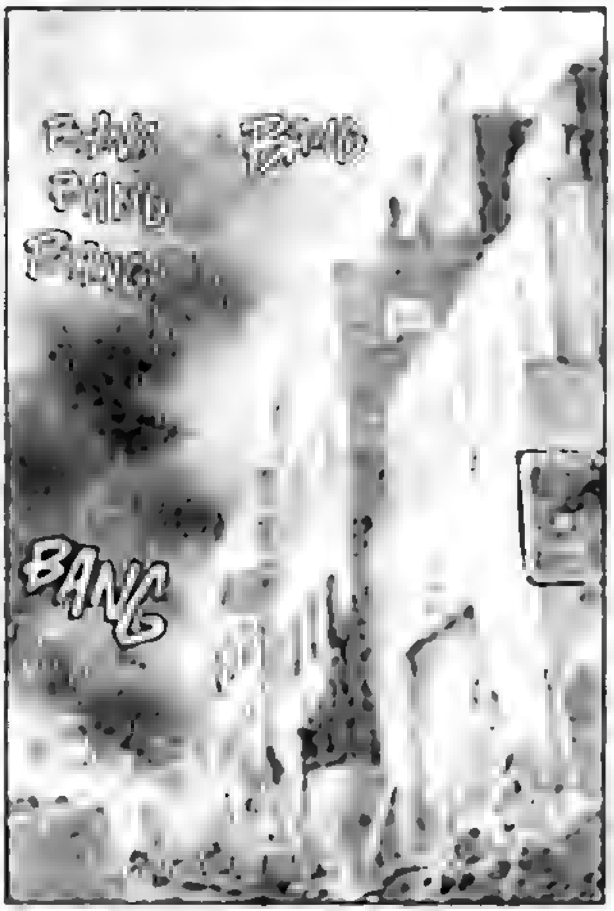
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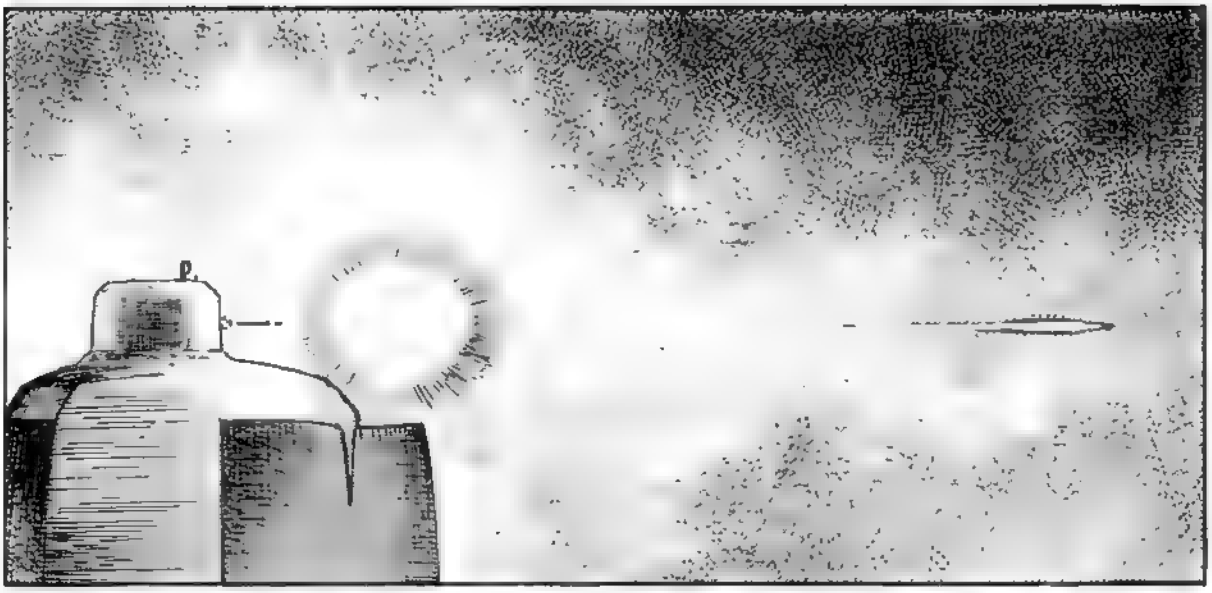

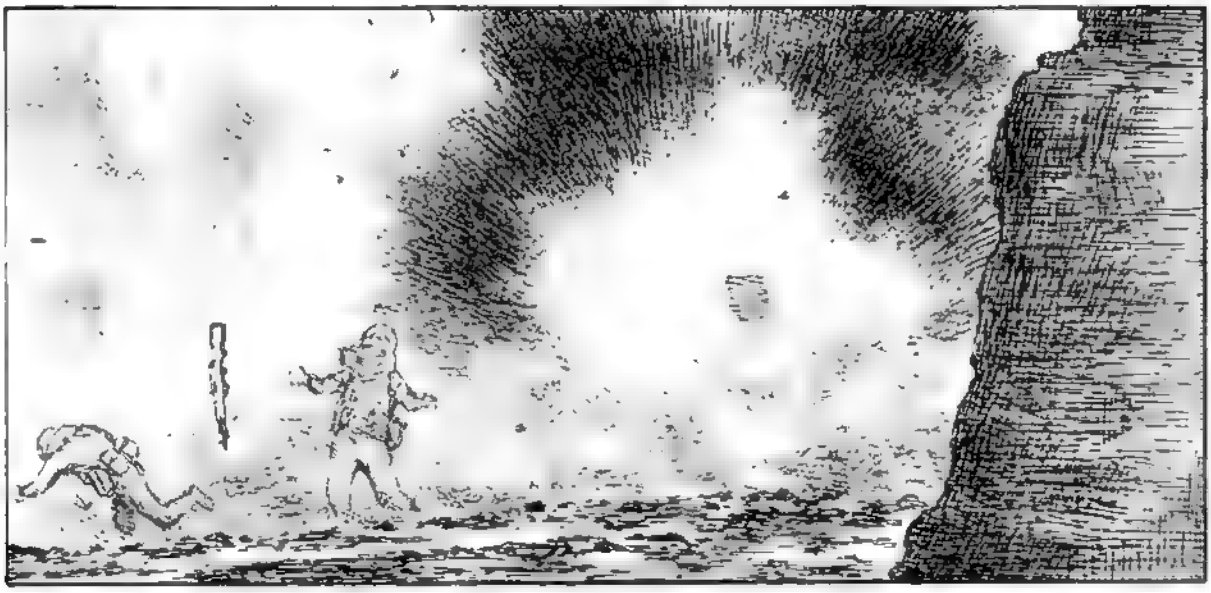

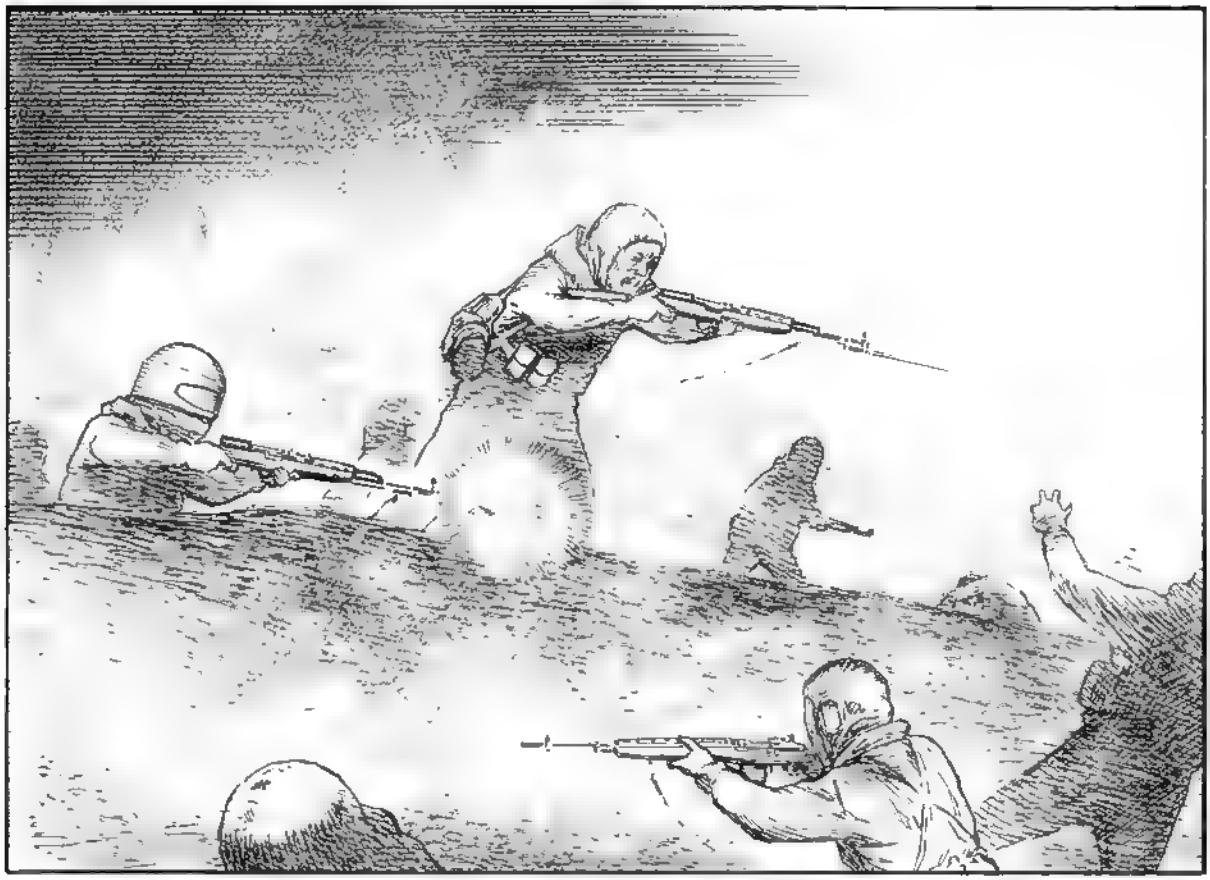

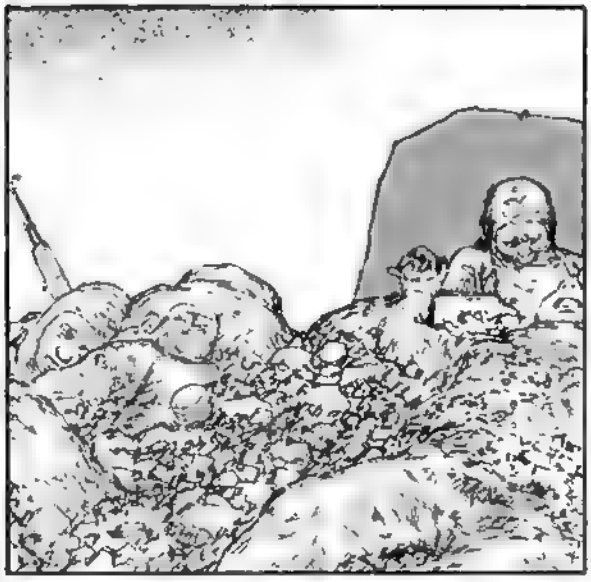

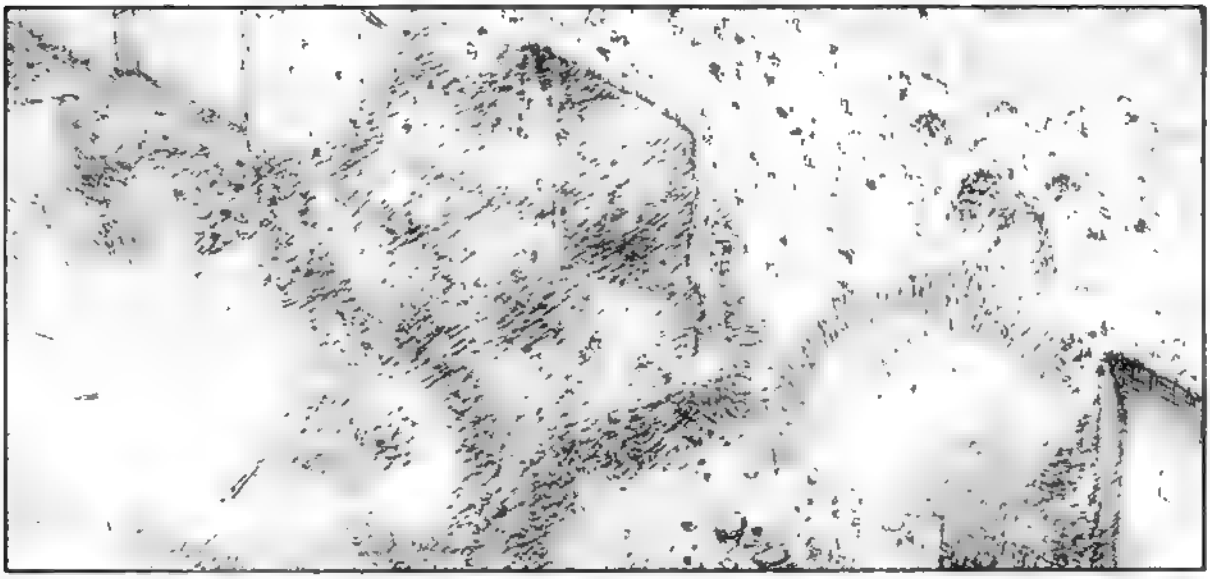

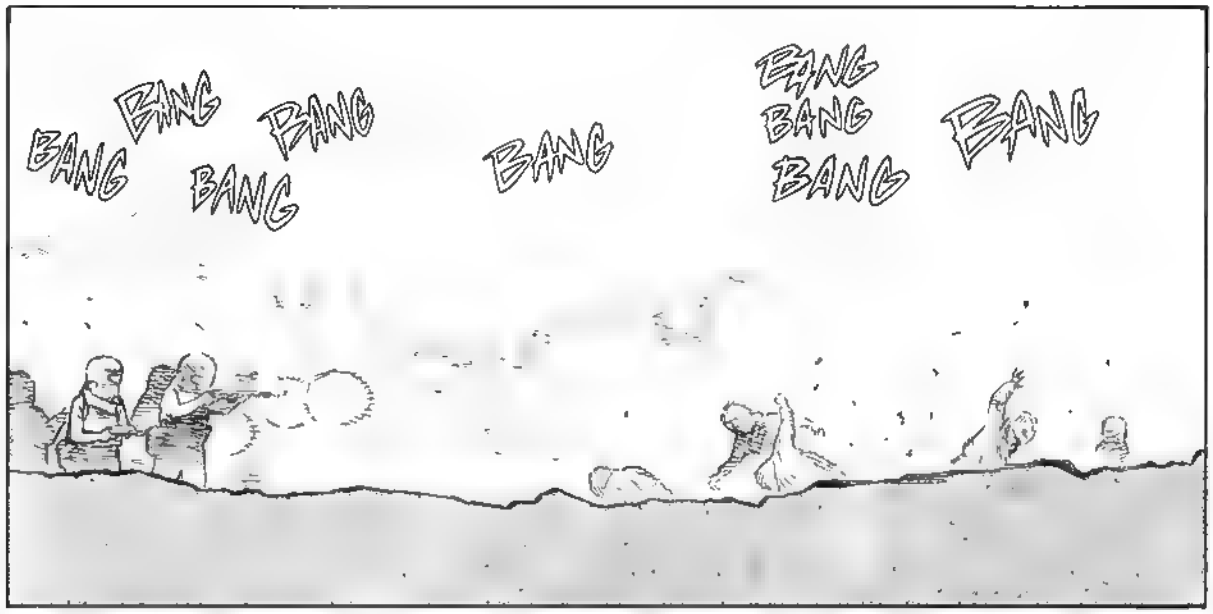
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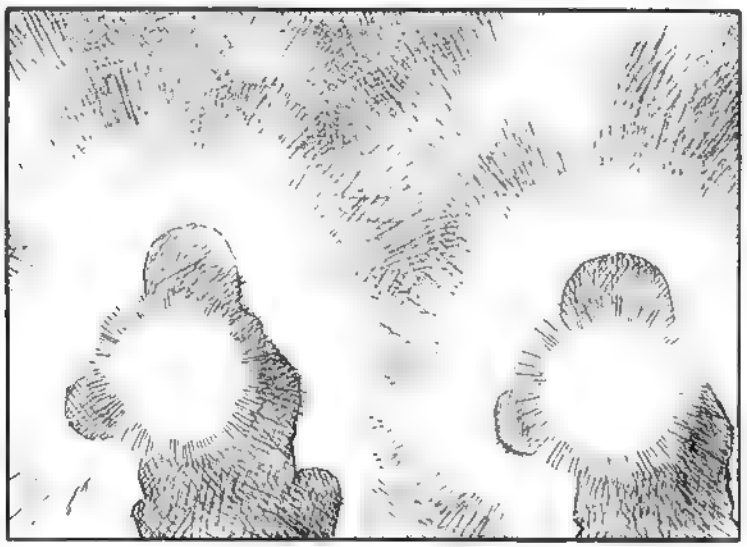

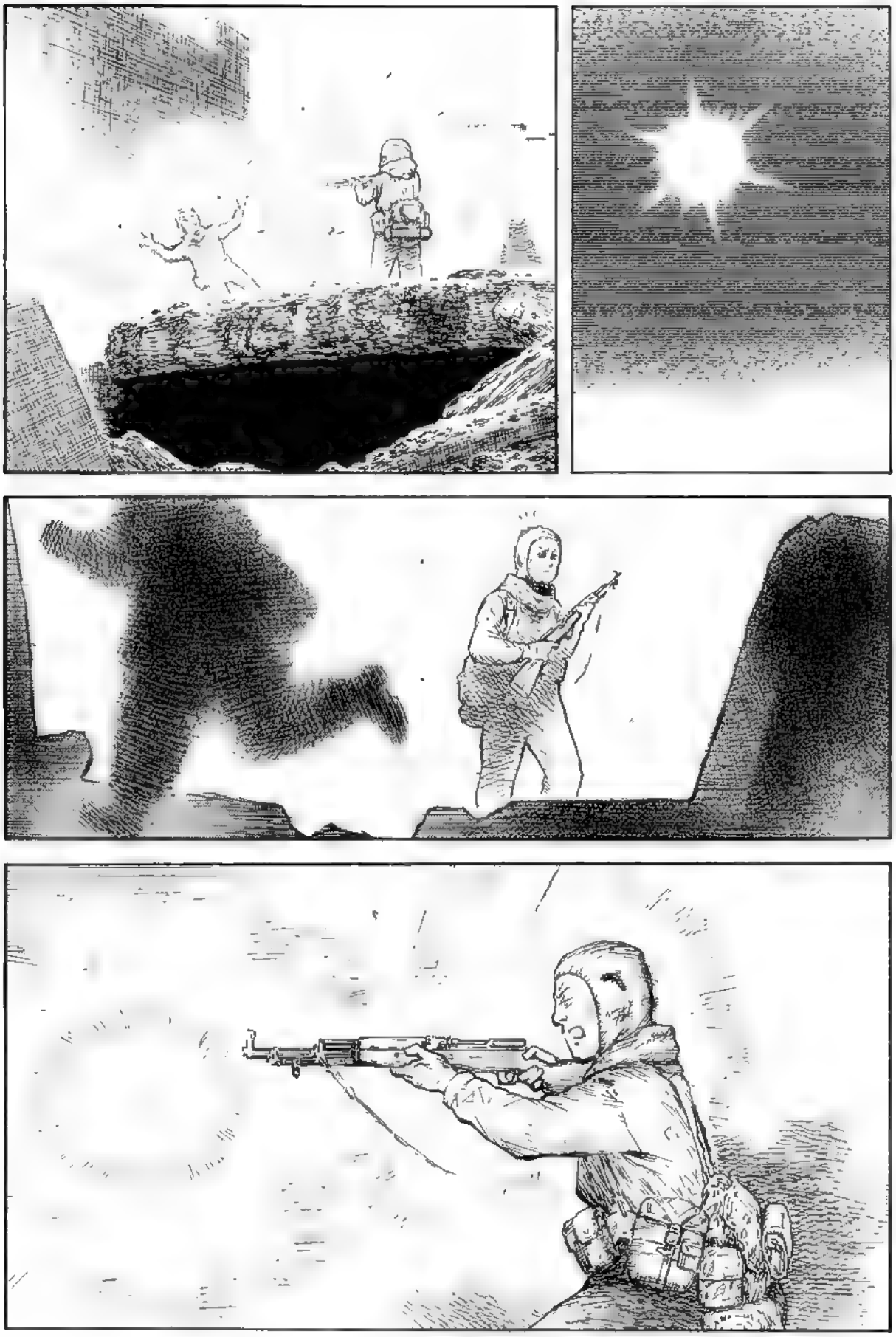

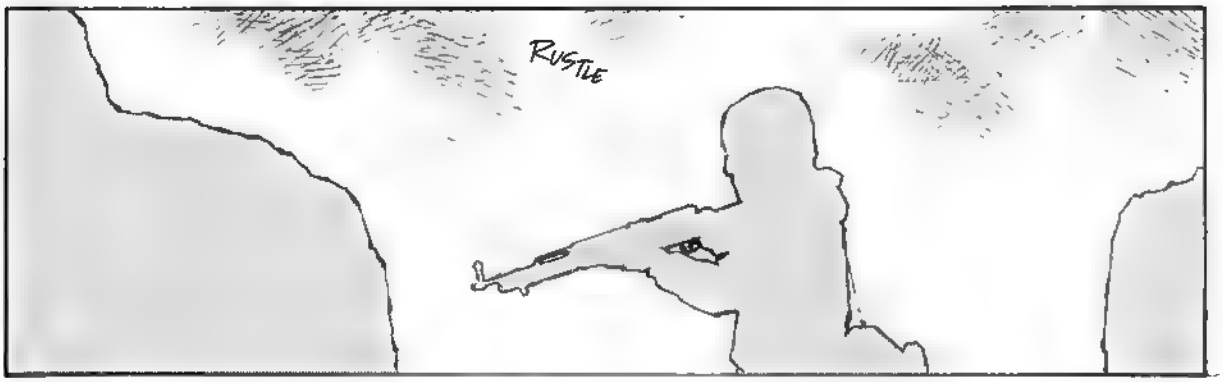
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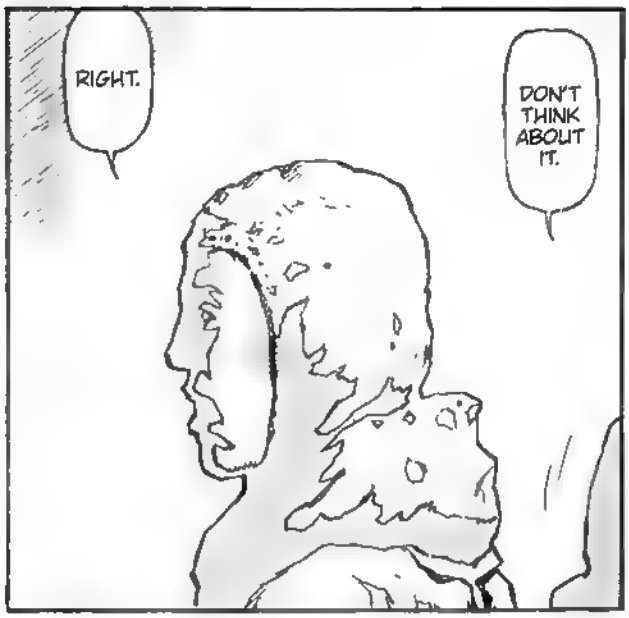


THEREFORE, SEEING A KID HERE, OF ALL PLACES, IS SURPRISING.

AFTER THE WAR BEGAN, THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN MUST HAVE EVACUATED ELSEWHERE.

THERE ARE ONLY ARMED MEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

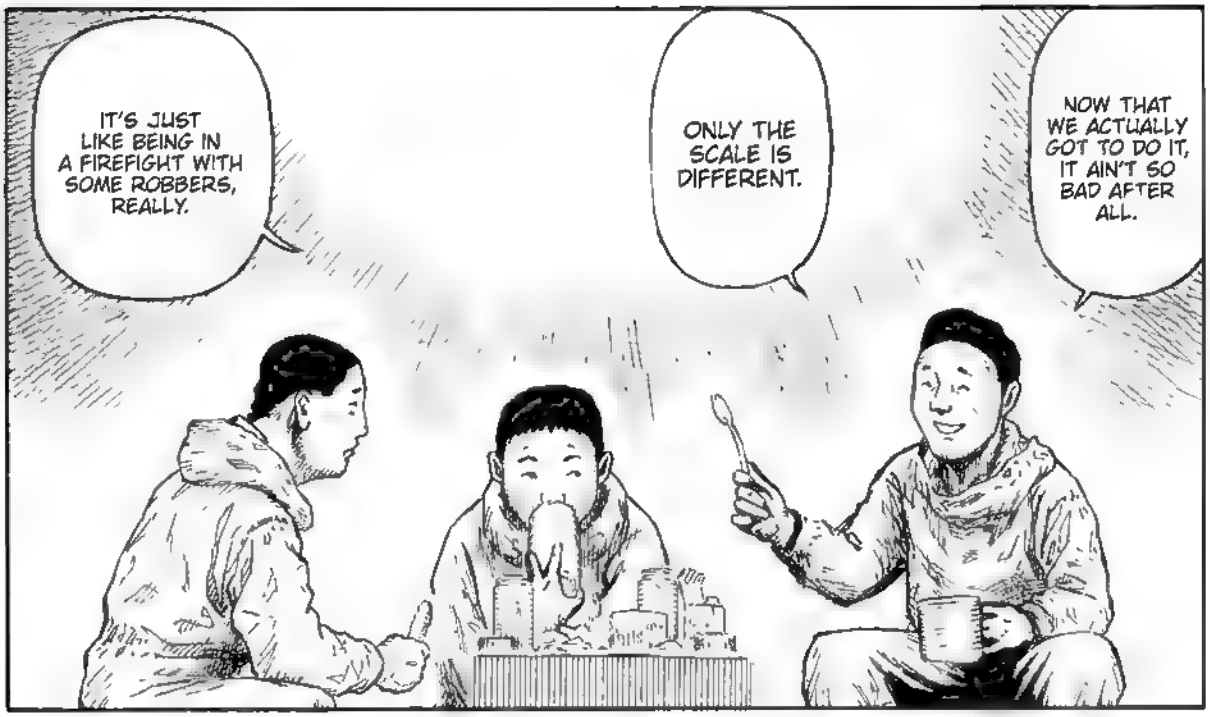
THOUGH, IT PROBABLY NEVER MEANT ALL THAT MUCH IF HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED.

THE WAR ENDED WITH OUR VICTORY, AS THE NEW GOVERNMENT ARMY OF THE SOUTH OASIS.

I TELL YA, THIS IS WHAT THEY CALLED "WAR".

MAKES ME THINK OF THE TERRIFYING HELL TOLD IN THOSE OLD STORIES...

...WHERE MILLIONS DIE IN ONE FELL SWOOP, Y'KNOW?


IT'S JUST LIKE BEING IN A FIREFIGHT WITH SOME ROBBERS, REALLY.
ONLY THE SCALE IS DIFFERENT.
NOW THAT WE ACTUALLY GOT TO DO IT, IT AIN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL.

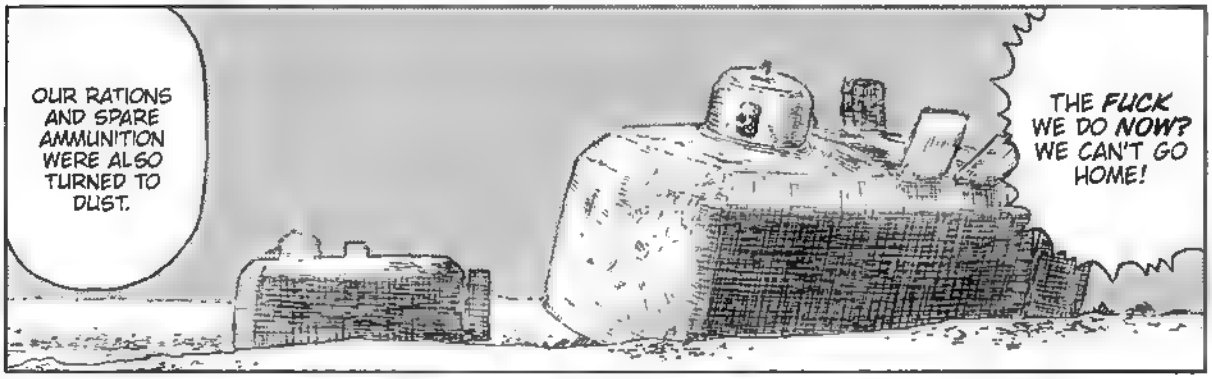
THIS AIN'T A JOKE. WE'LL BE KEEPING THIS UP UNTIL THE WEST GOVERNMENT IS OVERTHROWN.
CHATTER
CHATTER
BABBLE BABBLE
DUMBASS, THIS AIN'T OVER YET.

WAR.

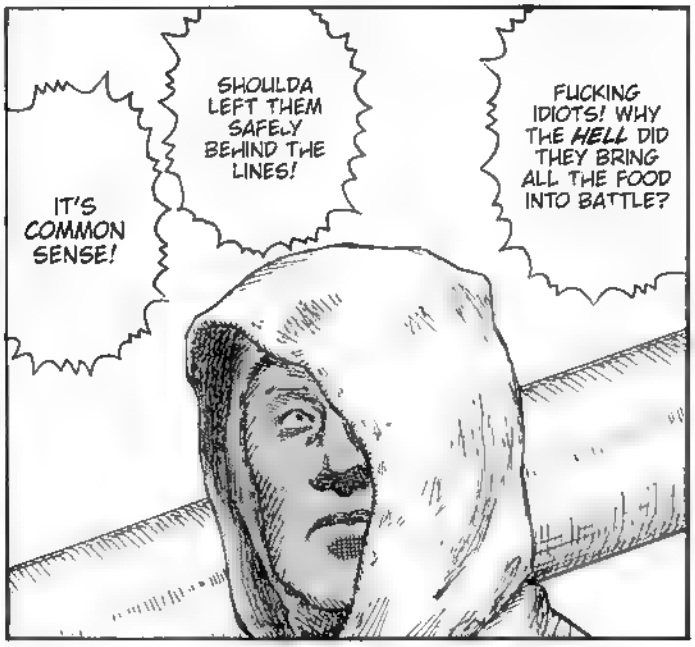
...
SO, IT HAS BEGUN!
I won!

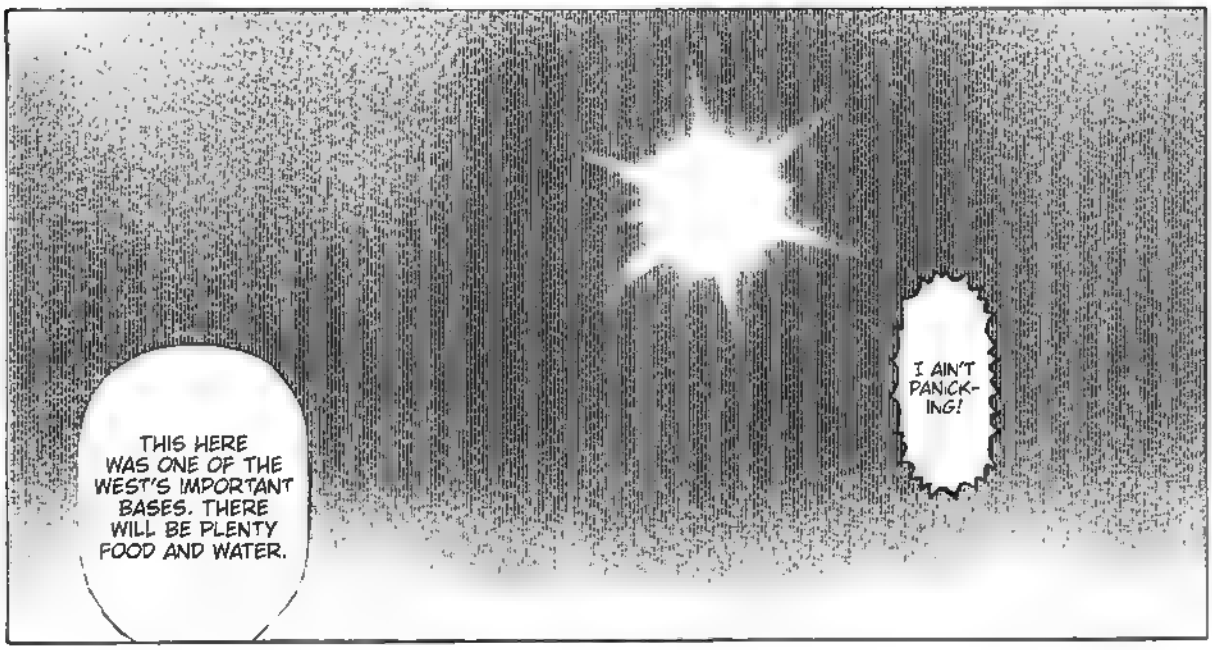
NONE OF THEM CAN MOVE.
OUR ARMORED VEHICLES GOT OBLITERATED.

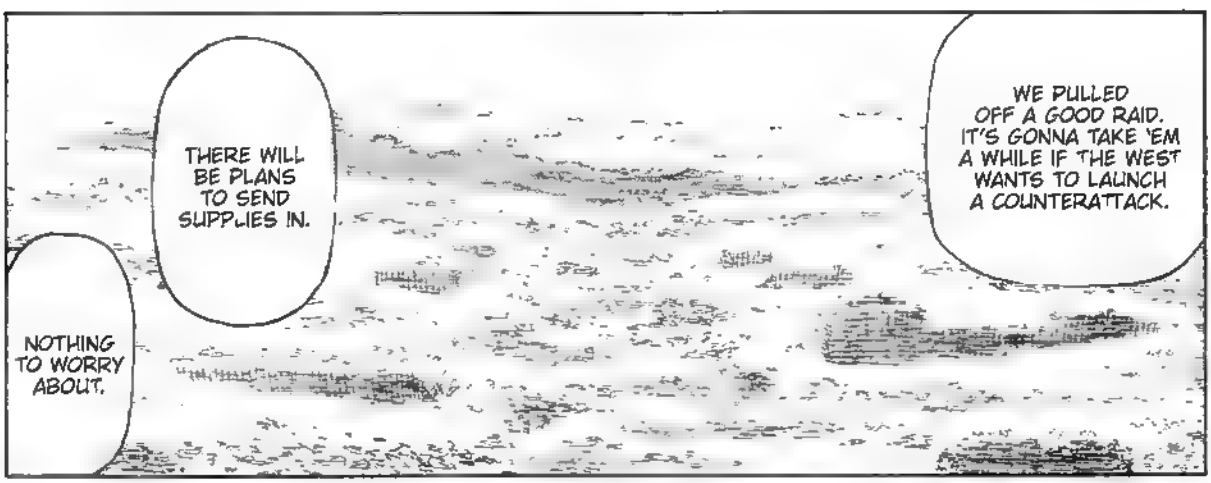
HMM?
OH GOD, THIS IS REALLY BAD.

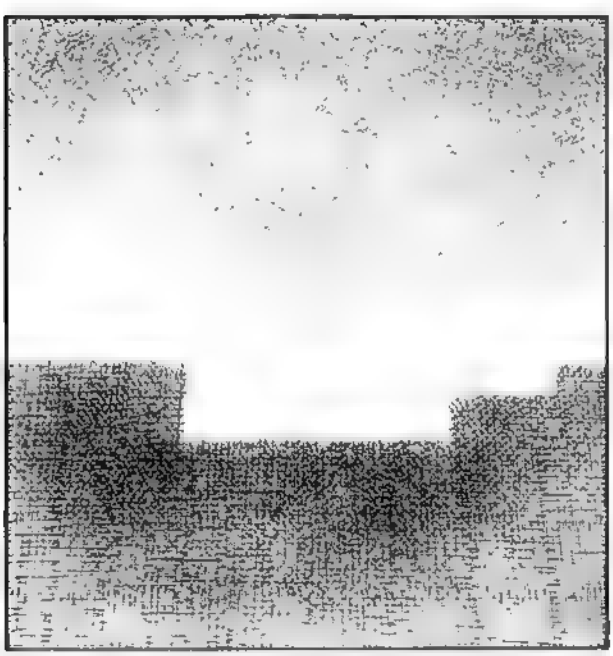

OUR RATIONS AND SPARE AMMUNITION WERE ALSO TURNED TO DUST.
THE *FUCK* WE DO *NOW?* WE CAN'T GO HOME!

I BET WE CAN PROBABLY GET FOOD FROM THE VILLAGE.
STOP PANICKING.
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG

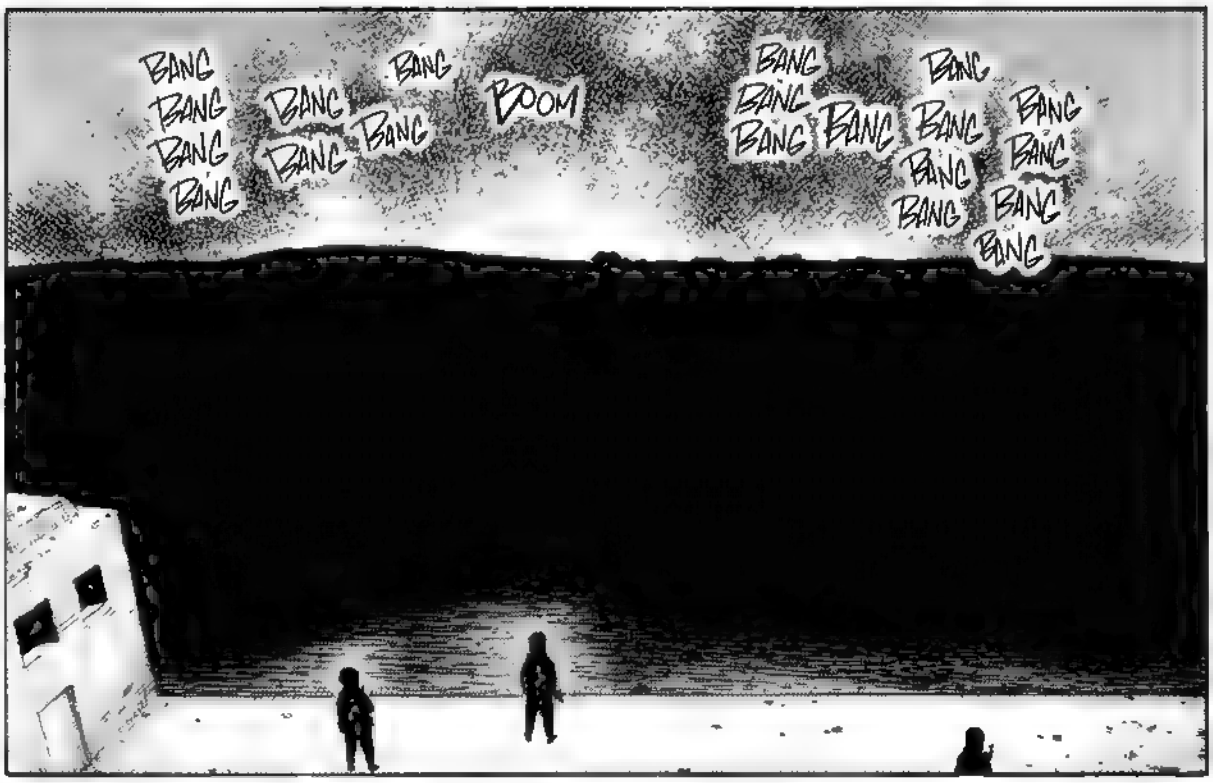

IT'S COMMON SENSE!
SHOULDA LEFT THEM SAFELY BEHIND THE LINES!
FUCKING IDIOTS! WHY THE *HELL* DID THEY BRING ALL THE FOOD INTO BATTLE?


THIS HERE WAS ONE OF THE WEST'S IMPORTANT BASES. THERE WILL BE PLENTY FOOD AND WATER.
I AIN'T PANICK-ING!


NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
THERE WILL BE PLANS TO SEND SUPPLIES IN.
WE PULLED OFF A GOOD RAID. IT'S GONNA TAKE 'EM A WHILE IF THE WEST WANTS TO LAUNCH A COUNTERATTACK.



THE DESERT PEOPLE ARE DAMN FUSSY ABOUT THEIR FOOD AND WATER.
BUT GEEZ...
I MEAN, I GUESS YOU HAVE A POINT.


BANG BANG BANG BANG
BANG BANG
BANG BANG
BOOM
BANG BANG BANG
BANG
BANG BANG BANG BANG
BANG BANG BANG BANG

IT'S THE SOUTH...
WHIRR
CLICK
THEY'RE FIGHTING...

BANG
BOOM

THE RESUPPLY TEAM WAS WIPED.

The guys in the recon team that saved them said so

I HEARD THEY GOT AMBUSHED.

CLATTER

CLATTER

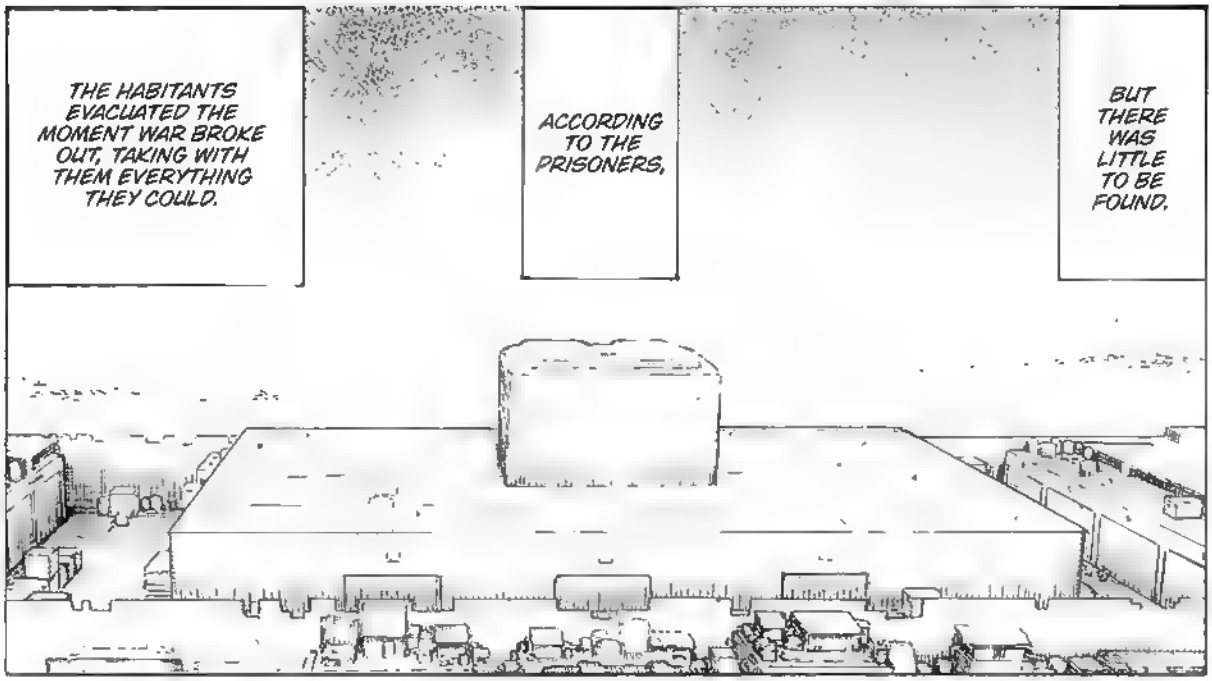
CLATTER

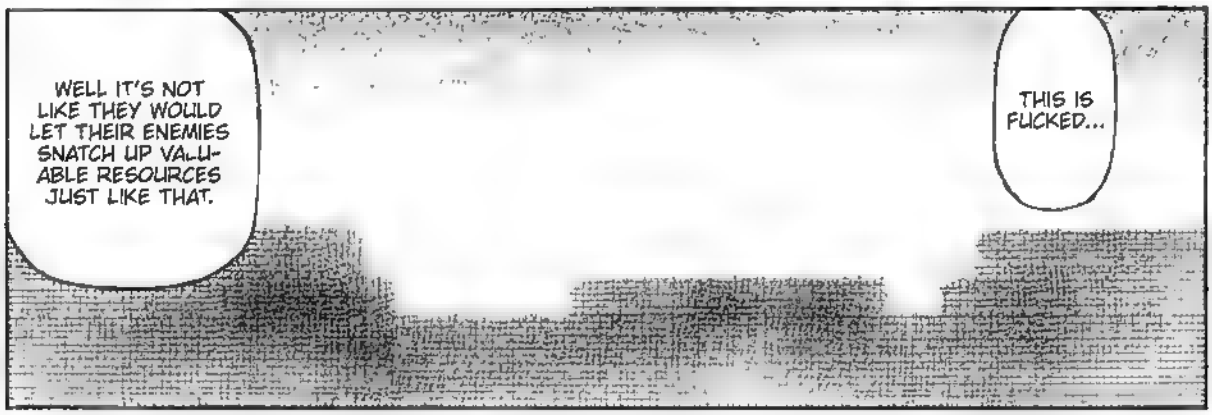
YOU'RE FUCKING KIDDING ME...

THAT DAY, ALL PERSONNEL THOROUGHLY GATHERED ALL NECESSITIES FROM THE VILLAGE.

FUUUCK.

SHINE


THE HABITANTS EVACUATED THE MOMENT WAR BROKE OUT, TAKING WITH THEM EVERYTHING THEY COULD.
ACCORDING TO THE PRISONERS,
BUT THERE WAS LITTLE TO BE FOUND.

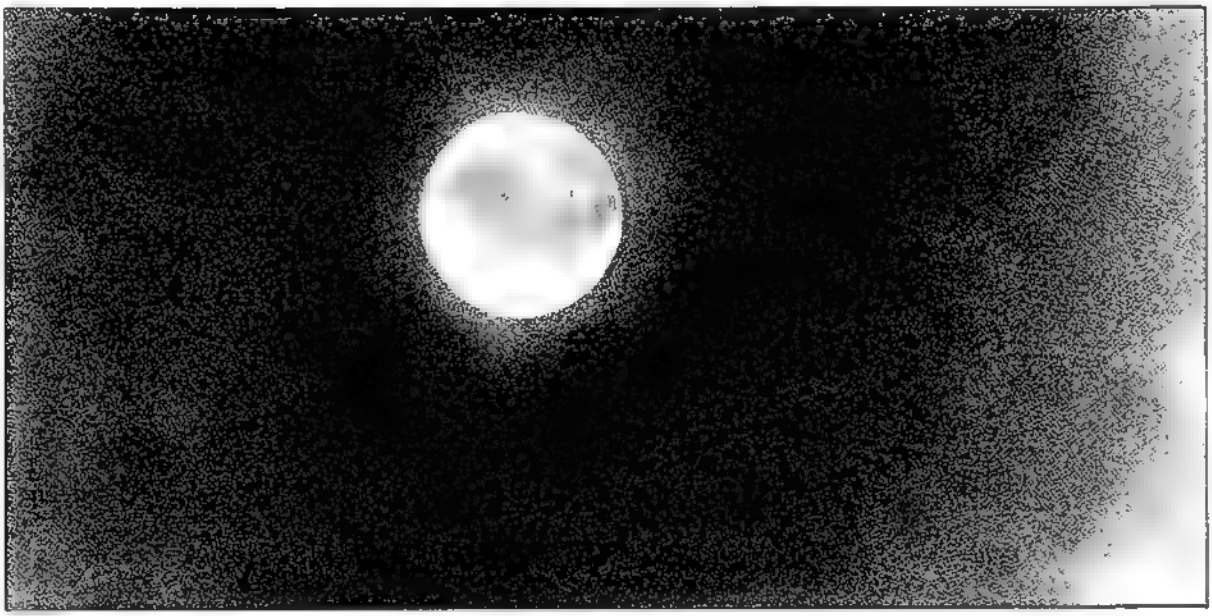

WELL IT'S NOT LIKE THEY WOULD LET THEIR ENEMIES SNATCH UP VALUABLE RESOURCES JUST LIKE THAT.
THIS IS FUCKED...

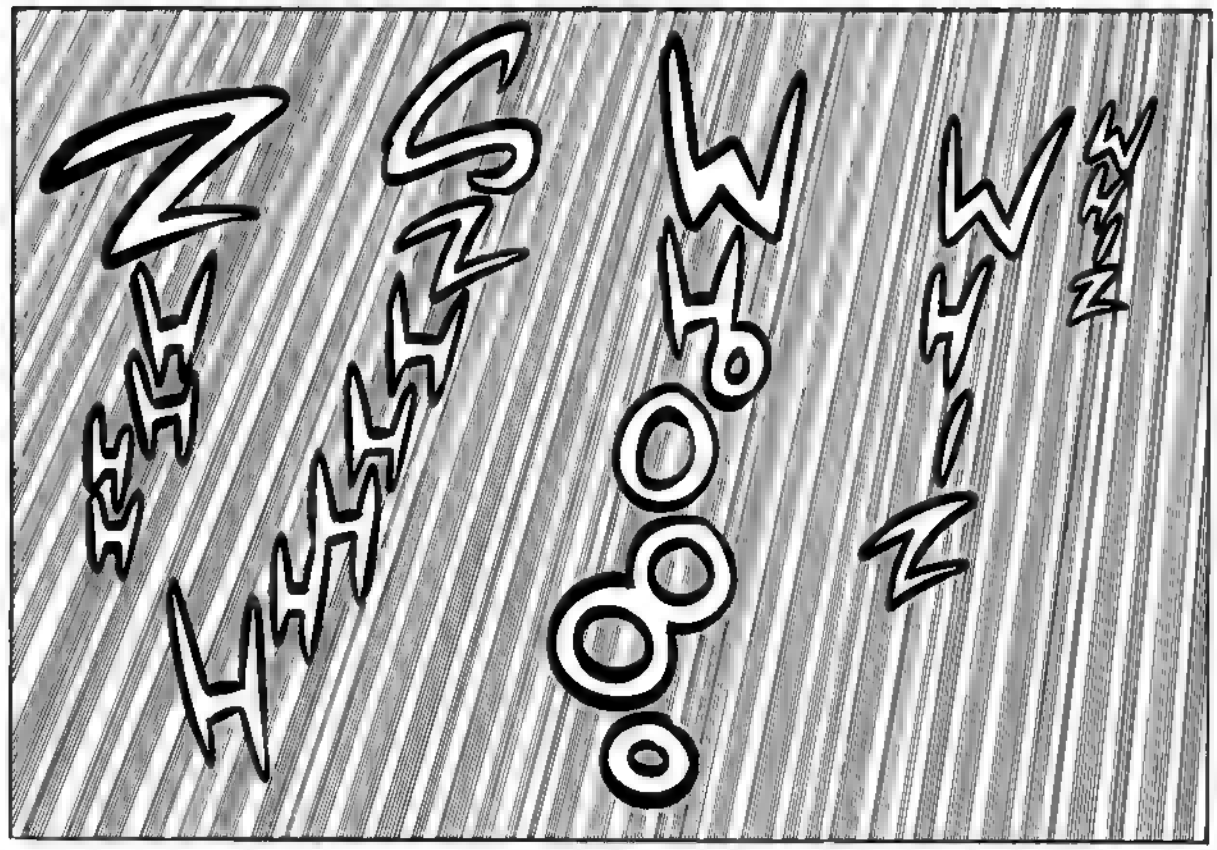
YEP.
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

...
SO, THE RESUPPLIES ARE OUR LIFELINE, HUH...

UNTIL WE GET OUR SUPPLIES,
WE AIN'T GONNA GET DONE IN THAT EASILY.
WE NOW KNOW THERE'S AN AMBUSH.
IT'S GONNA BE OKAY.
WE'D BETTER CUT BACK ON OUR RESOURCE CONSUMPTION.

...SHIT.
THE DESERT GUYS SAID THE SAME THING.




WHIZ
WHOOOO
SHHHHHH
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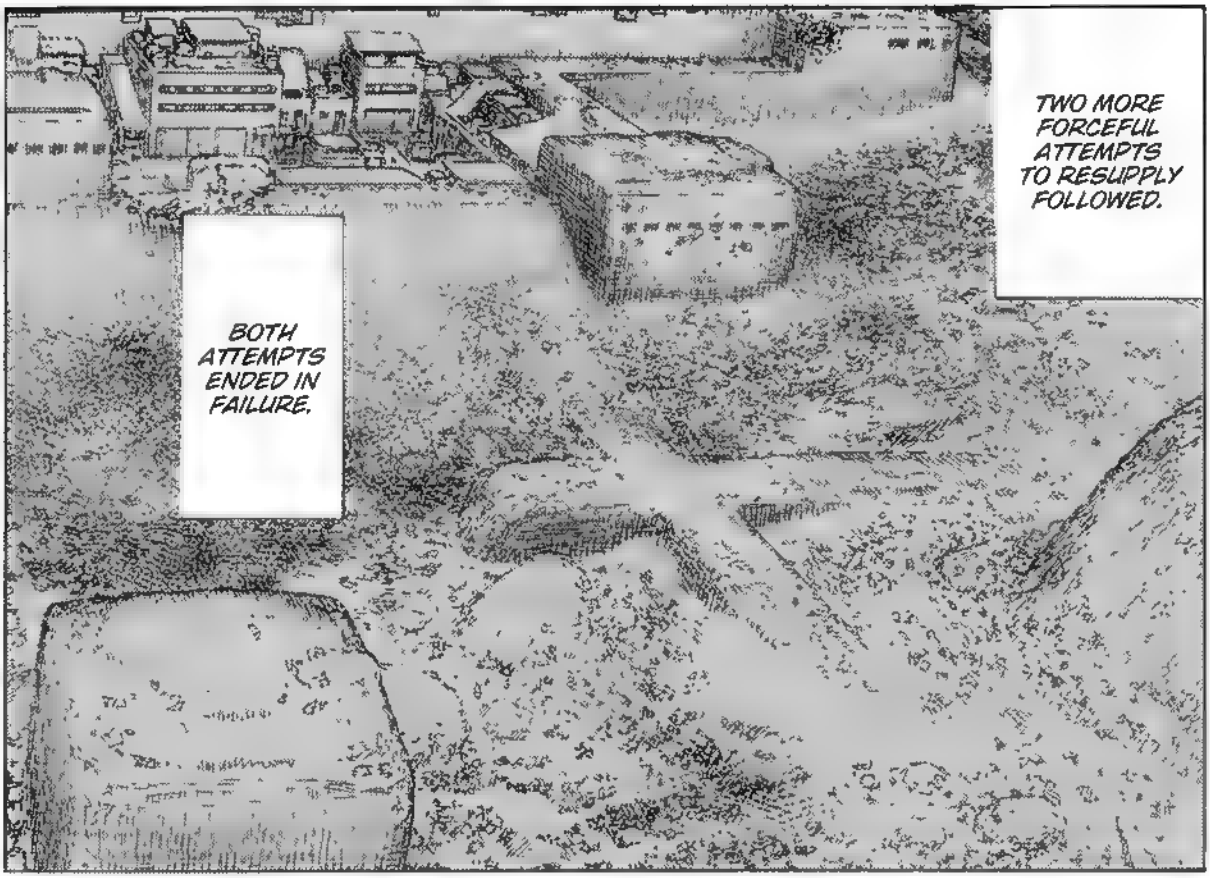
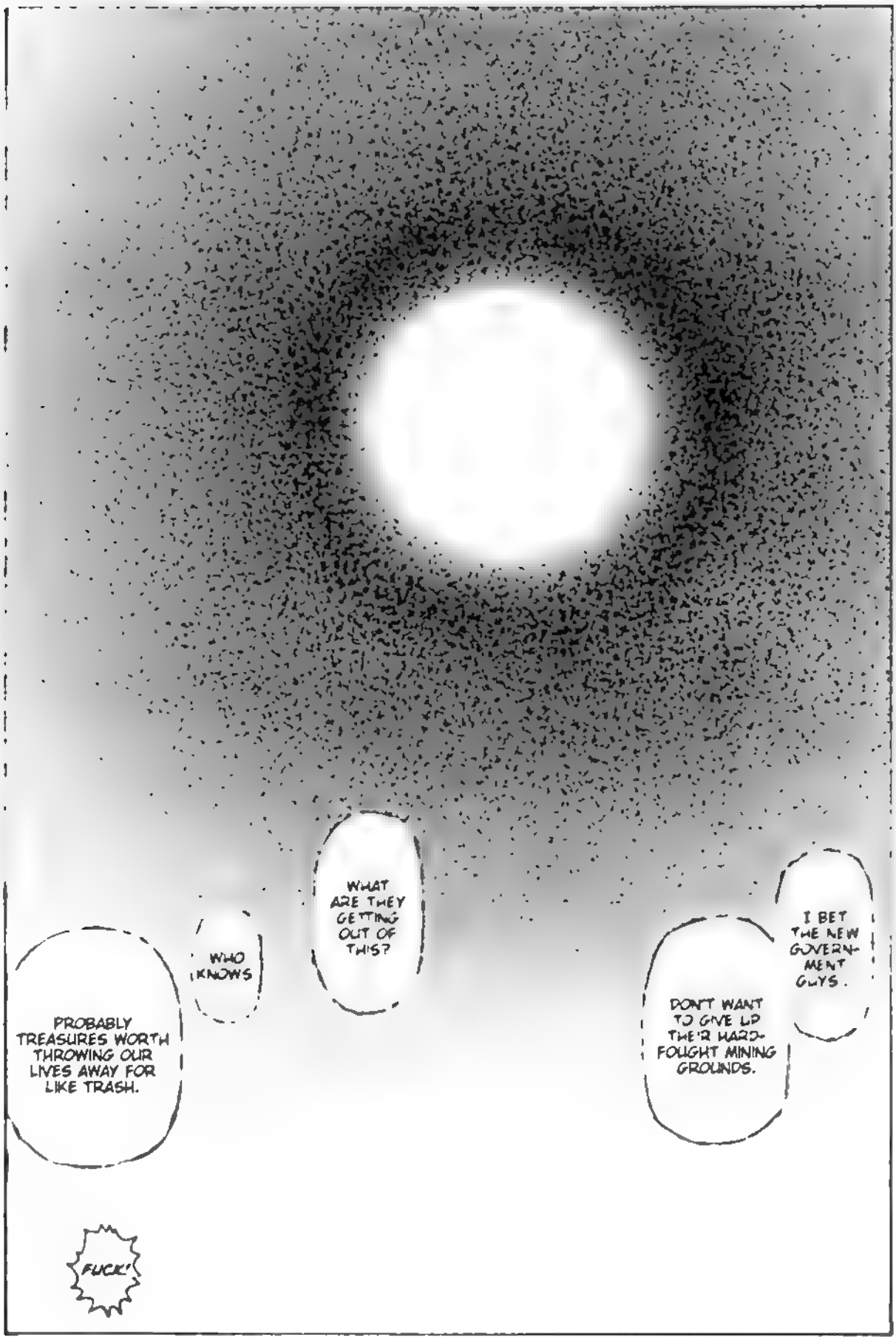
IT'S LONG-DISTANCE ARTIL-LERY...



CALLS WERE MADE TO ABANDON THE VILLAGE AND RETREAT SOUTHWARD.

THOSE CALLS WERE REJECT-ED.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, ESCAPING ON FOOT WOULD VERY LIKELY RESULT IN MASS CASUALTIES. THEY WERE FORCED TO WAIT FOR THE RESUPPLY!


PROBABLY TREASURES WORTH THROWING OUR LIVES AWAY FOR LIKE TRASH.
WHO KNOWS
WHAT ARE THEY GETTING OUT OF THIS?
DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP THEIR HARD-FOUGHT MINING GROUNDS.
I BET THE NEW GOVERNMENT GUYS.
FUCK!

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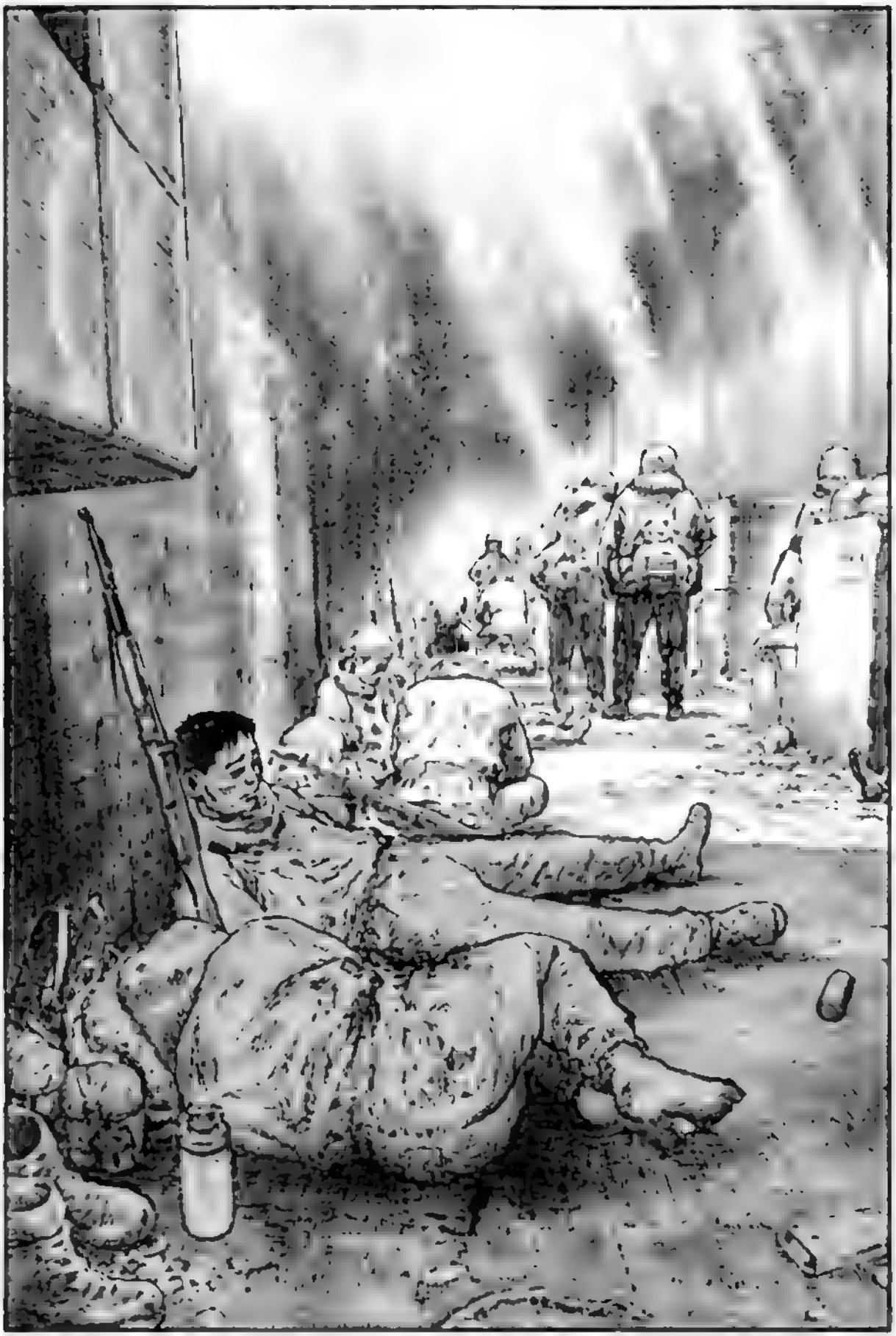
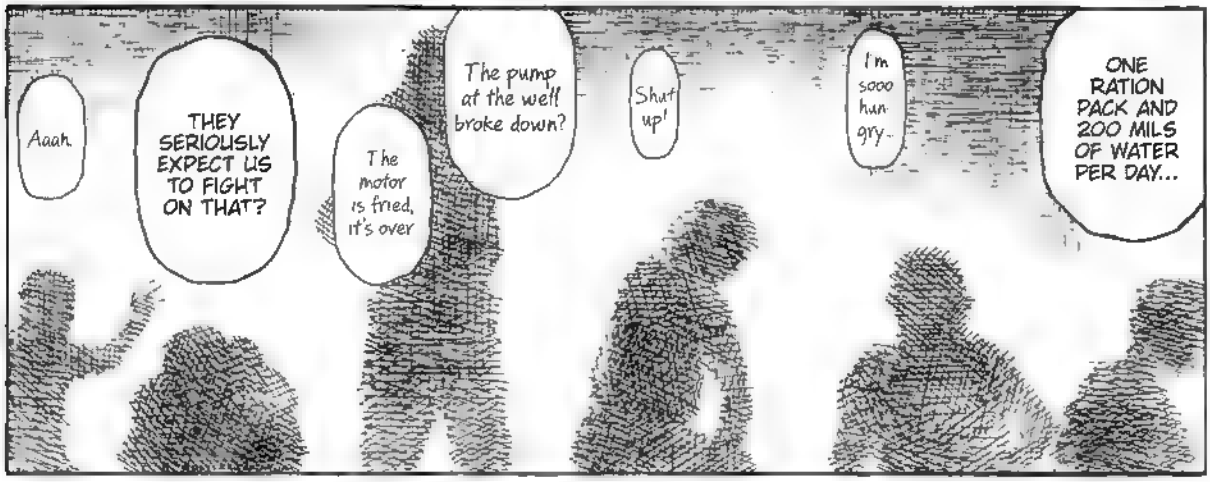


I'M DONE...
I CAN'T MOVE ANY-MORE...

WHAT DO THEY TAKE US FOR...
Uuuuuugh.
FUUCK.


Aaah.
THEY SERIOUSLY EXPECT US TO FIGHT ON THAT?
The motor is fried, it's over
The pump at the well broke down?
Shut up!
I'm sooo hun-gry...
ONE RATION PACK AND 200 MILS OF WATER PER DAY...

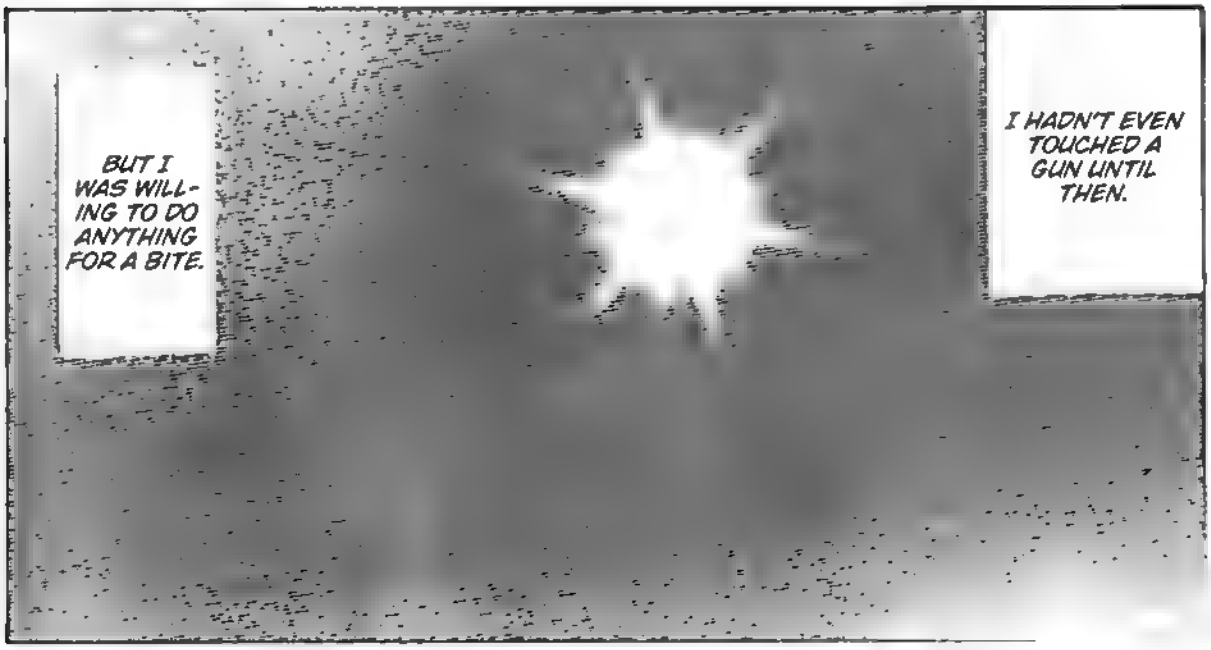
UNTIL OUR SUPPLY TEAM CAN BREAK THROUGH THE ENEMY AMBUSH...
We don't even have a spare motor or parts.
BLANK
Yech, you stink!
WHEN WILL THIS END?

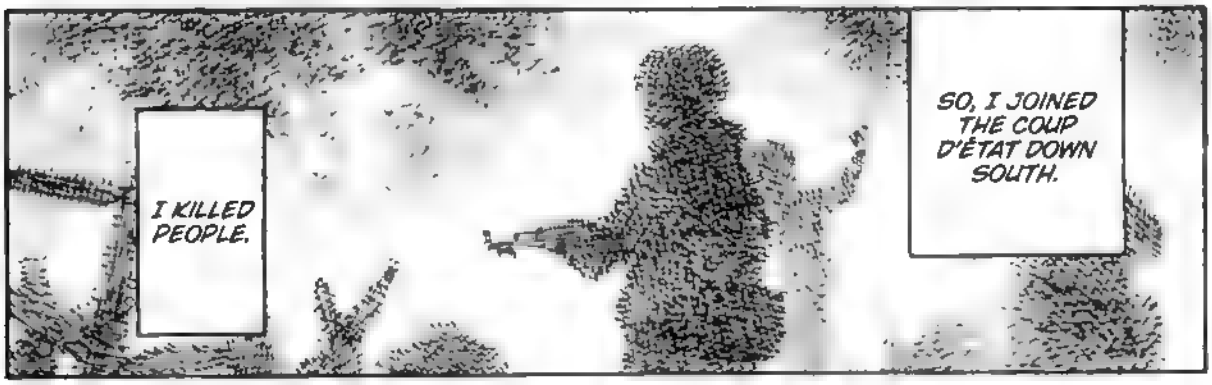
THEY TOLD US IT WOULD BE A WALK IN THE PARK.

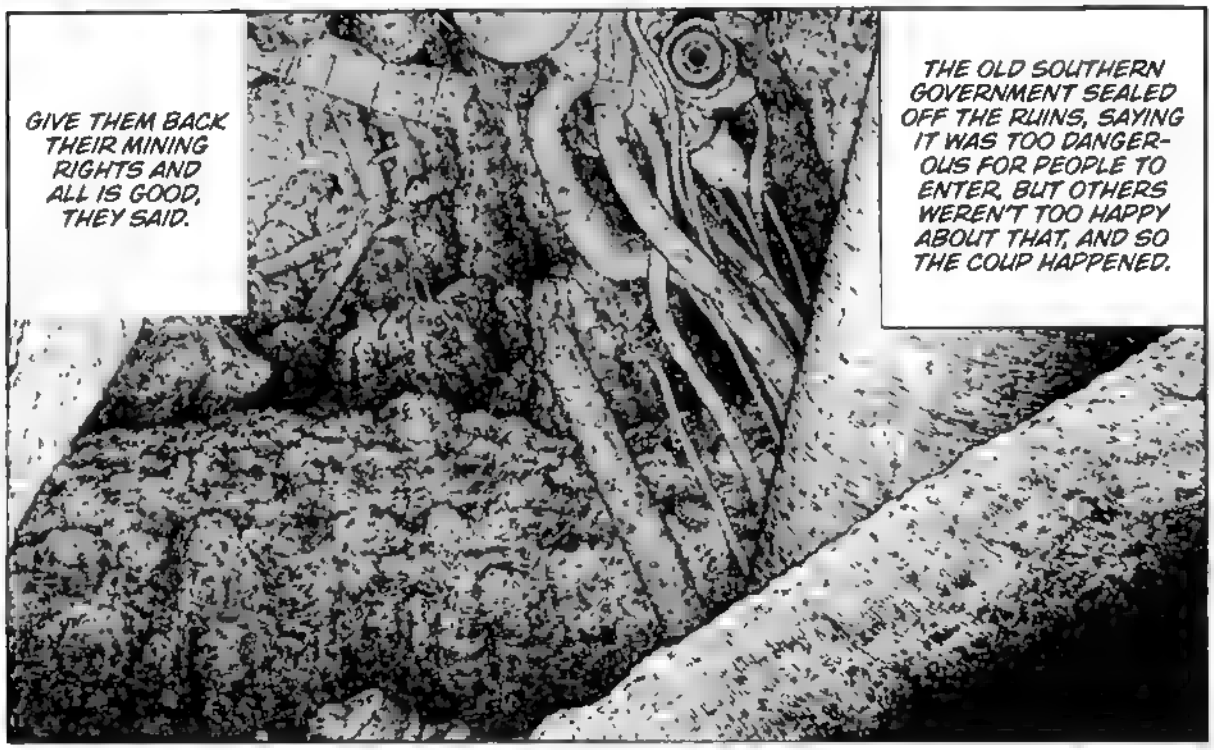
THIS ISN'T WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR...

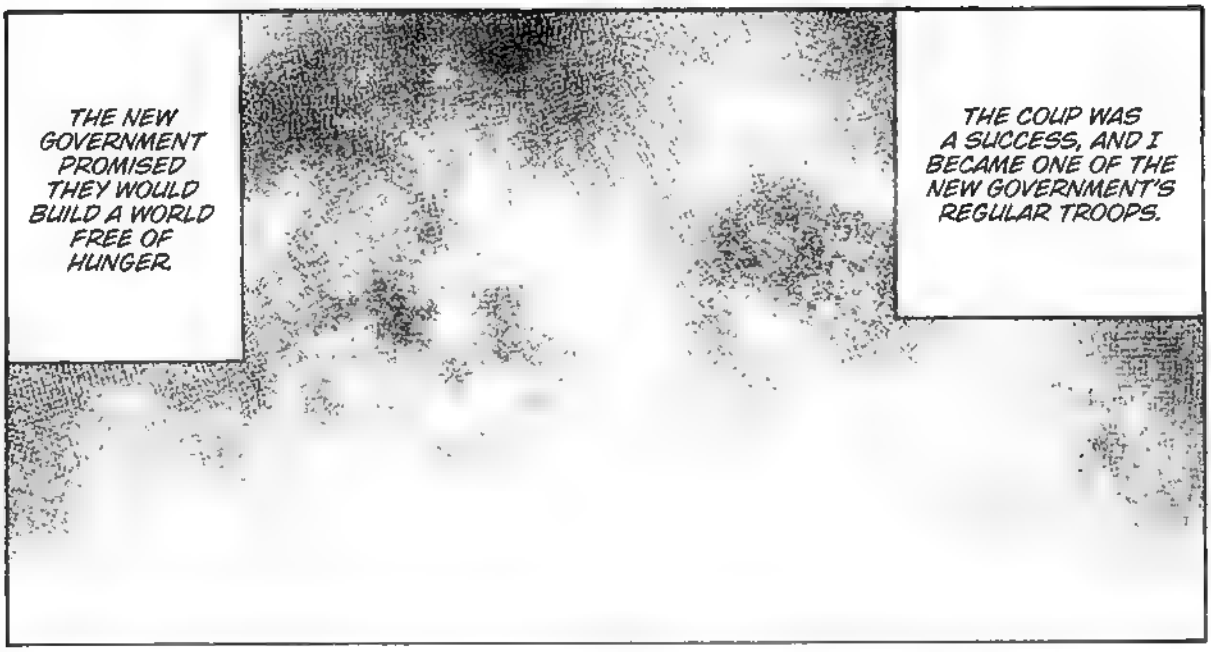
I ONLY KNEW THINGS WEREN'T GOING WELL OUT THERE, AND I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO BECOME A MERCENARY BEFORE I STARVED TO DEATH.

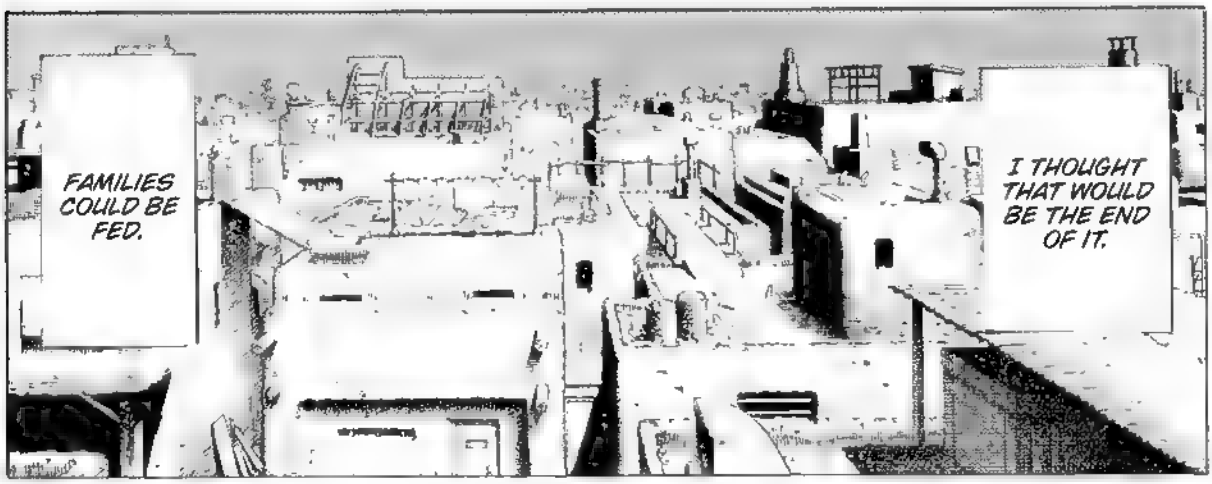
I AIN'T SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW WHY THEY'RE AT WAR...

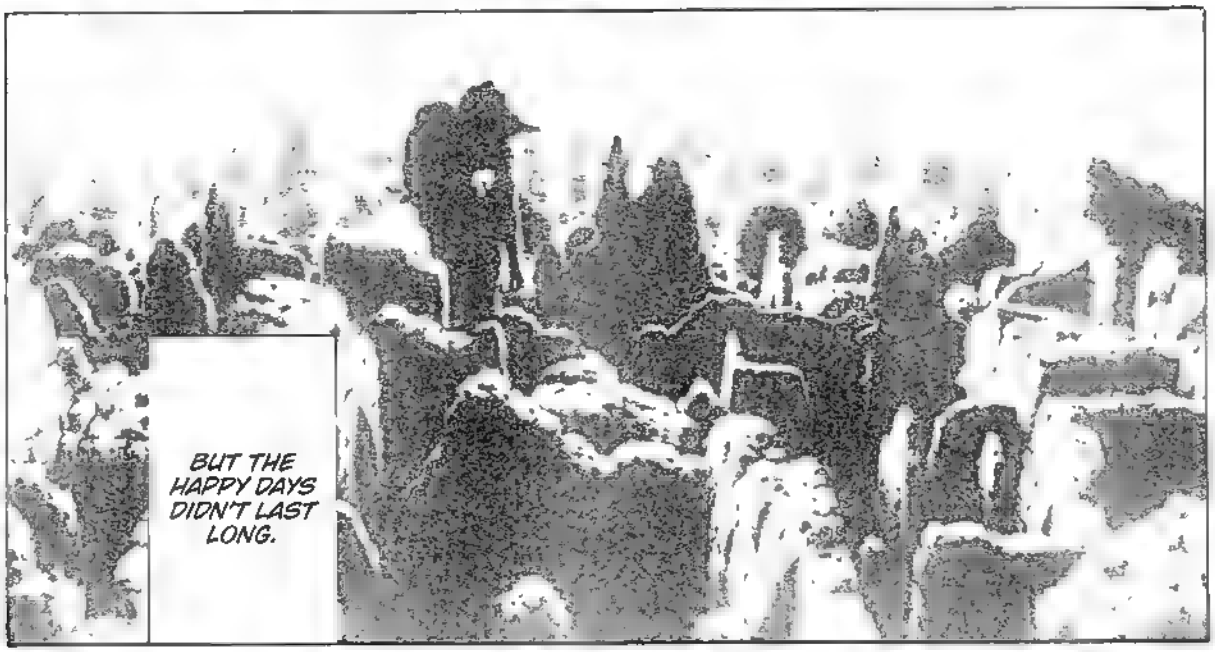

BUT I WAS WILLING TO DO ANYTHING FOR A BITE.
I HADN'T EVEN TOUCHED A GUN UNTIL THEN.

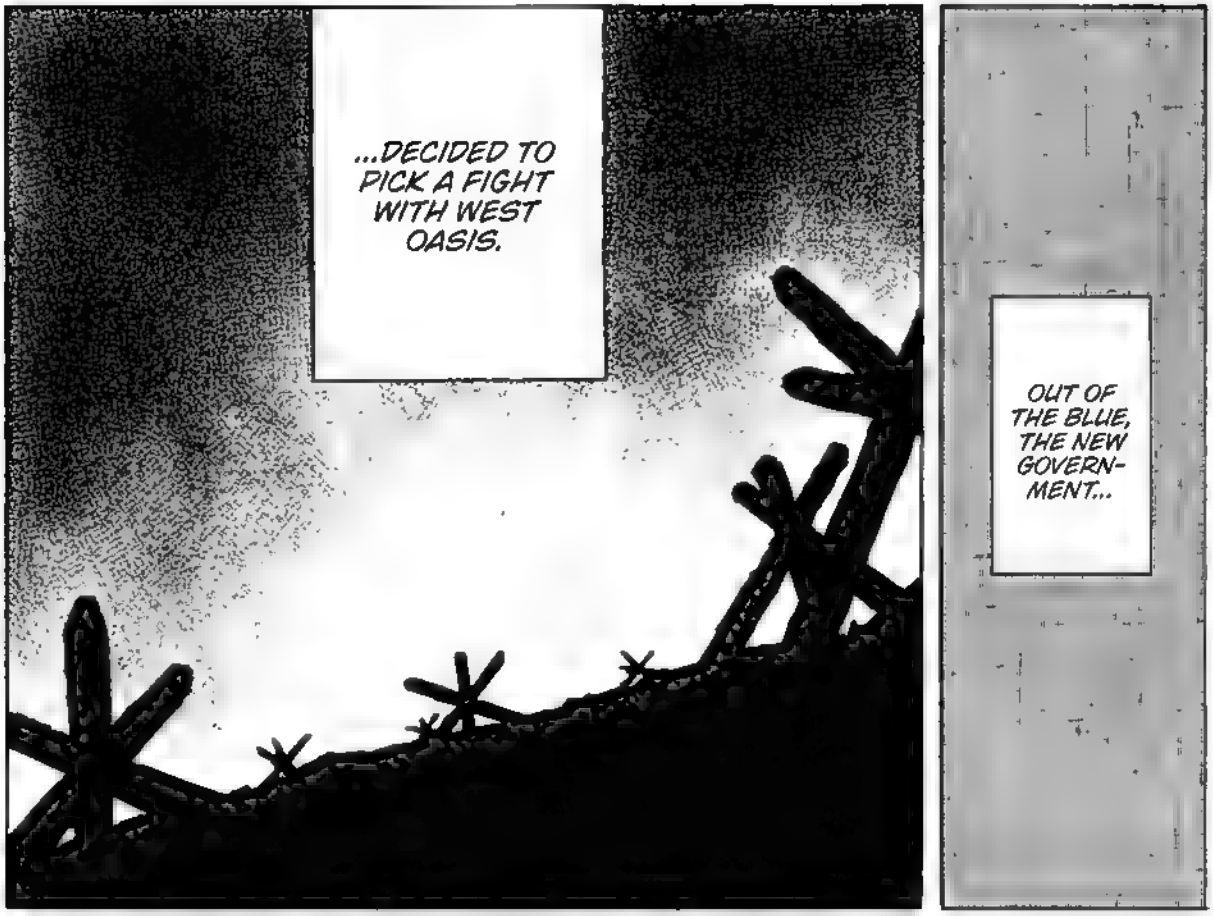

I KILLED PEOPLE.
SO, I JOINED THE COUP D'ÉTAT DOWN SOUTH.

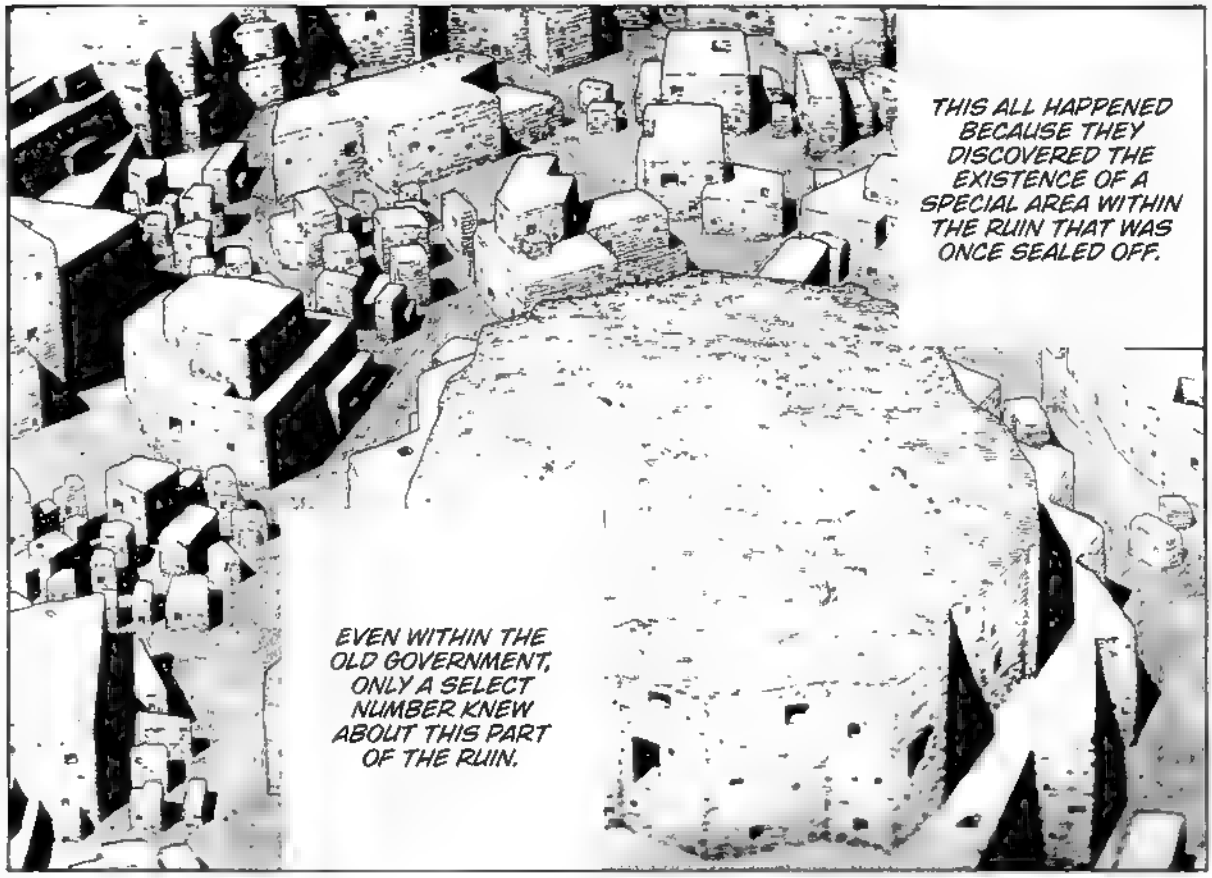

GIVE THEM BACK THEIR MINING RIGHTS AND ALL IS GOOD, THEY SAID.
THE OLD SOUTHERN GOVERNMENT SEALED OFF THE RUINS, SAYING IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS FOR PEOPLE TO ENTER, BUT OTHERS WEREN'T TOO HAPPY ABOUT THAT, AND SO THE COUP HAPPENED.


THE NEW GOVERNMENT PROMISED THEY WOULD BUILD A WORLD FREE OF HUNGER.
THE COUP WAS A SUCCESS, AND I BECAME ONE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S REGULAR TROOPS.


FAMILIES COULD BE FED.
I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE THE END OF IT.


BUT THE HAPPY DAYS DIDN'T LAST LONG.


...DECIDED TO PICK A FIGHT WITH WEST OASIS.
OUT OF THE BLUE, THE NEW GOVERN-MENT...


THIS ALL HAPPENED BECAUSE THEY DISCOVERED THE EXISTENCE OF A SPECIAL AREA WITHIN THE RUIN THAT WAS ONCE SEALED OFF.
EVEN WITHIN THE OLD GOVERNMENT, ONLY A SELECT NUMBER KNEW ABOUT THIS PART OF THE RUIN.

AT FIRST, THEY FOUGHT FOR THE CLAIM TO THIS LAND, BUT THEY ENDED UP HOLDING A JOINT INVESTIGATION.

THE RUIN WAS LOCATED NEAR THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND WEST OASIS.

I KNOW JACK SHIT ABOUT WORLD AFFAIRS, BUT EVEN I COULD TELL WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

ESPECIALLY DURING THESE HARD TIMES.

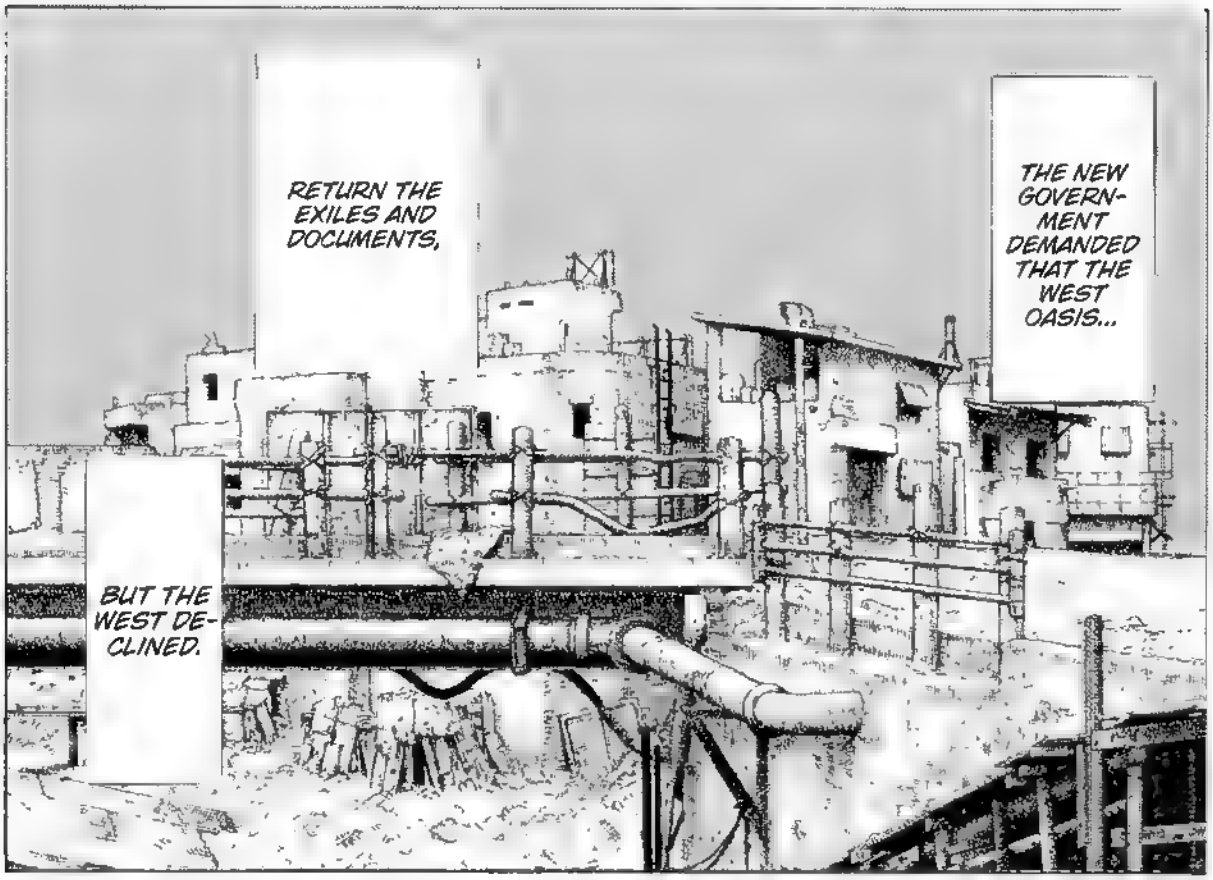
THIS WAS GREAT NEWS FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT,

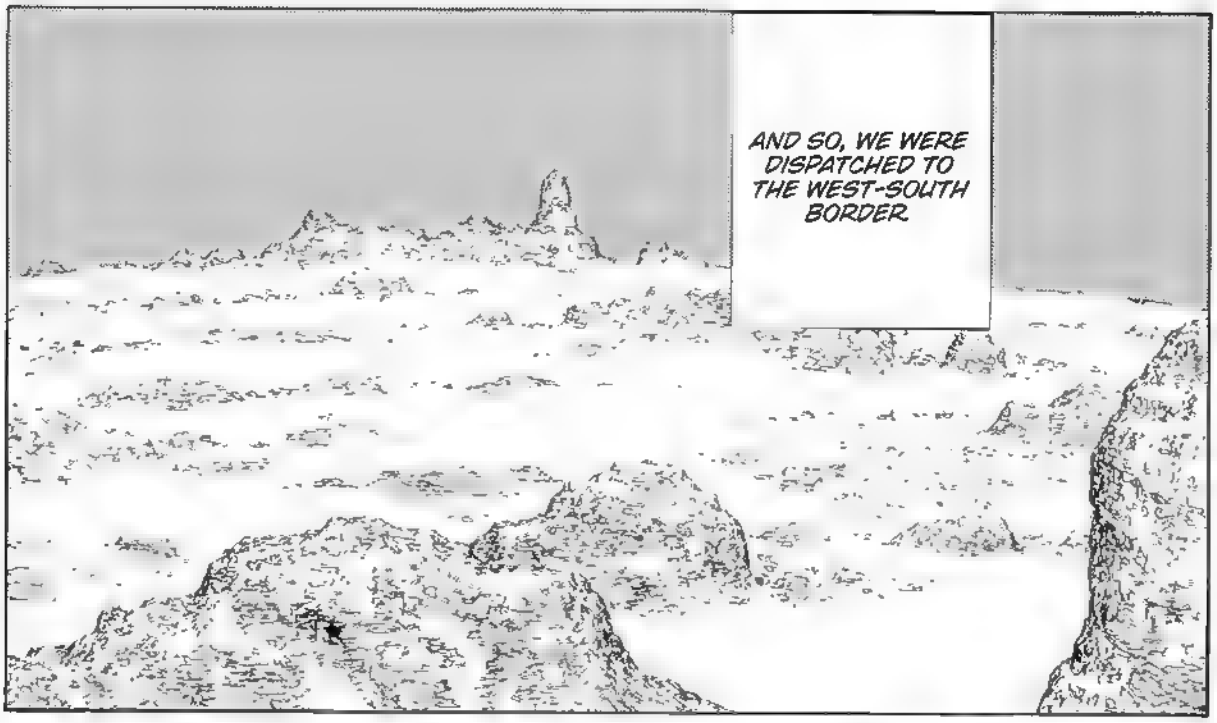
WHEN SURVIVING THE GREAT KANTO DESERT ON RELICS OF THE OLD, THE BEST THING IS TO DISCOVER NEW RELICS. NEW DISCOVERIES LEAD TO A BRIGHT FUTURE.

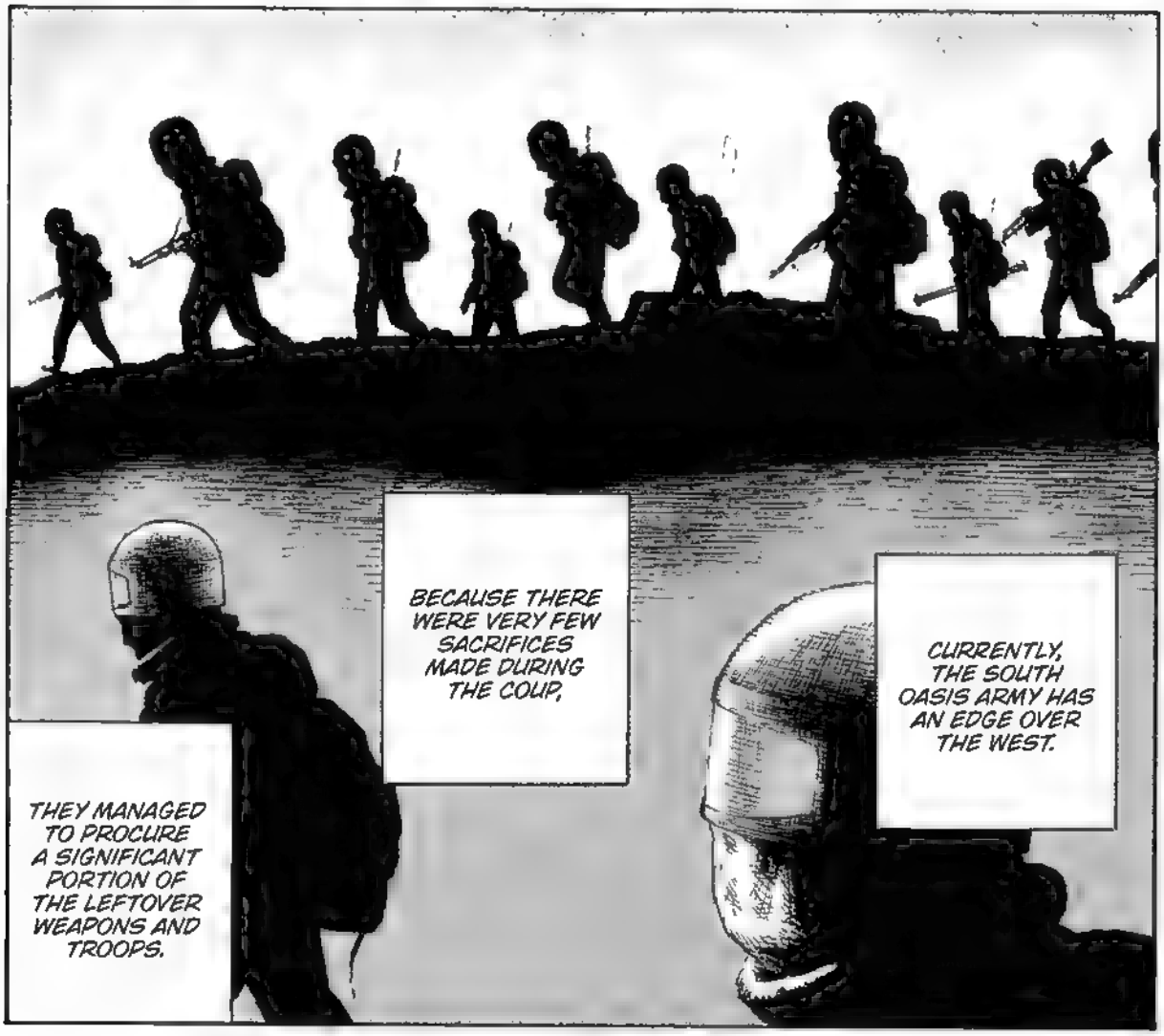
THEY DISCOVERED SOMETHING UNPRECEDENTED.

...STOLE THE INVESTINGATION REPORT AND FLED TO THE WEST FOR THEIR LIVES AFTER THE COUP.
THOSE WHO KNEW ABOUT THIS SECRET RUIN...

YET THE NEW GOVERN-MENT WAS IMMEDIATELY PLUNGED INTO THE DEPTHS OF AN ABYSS.

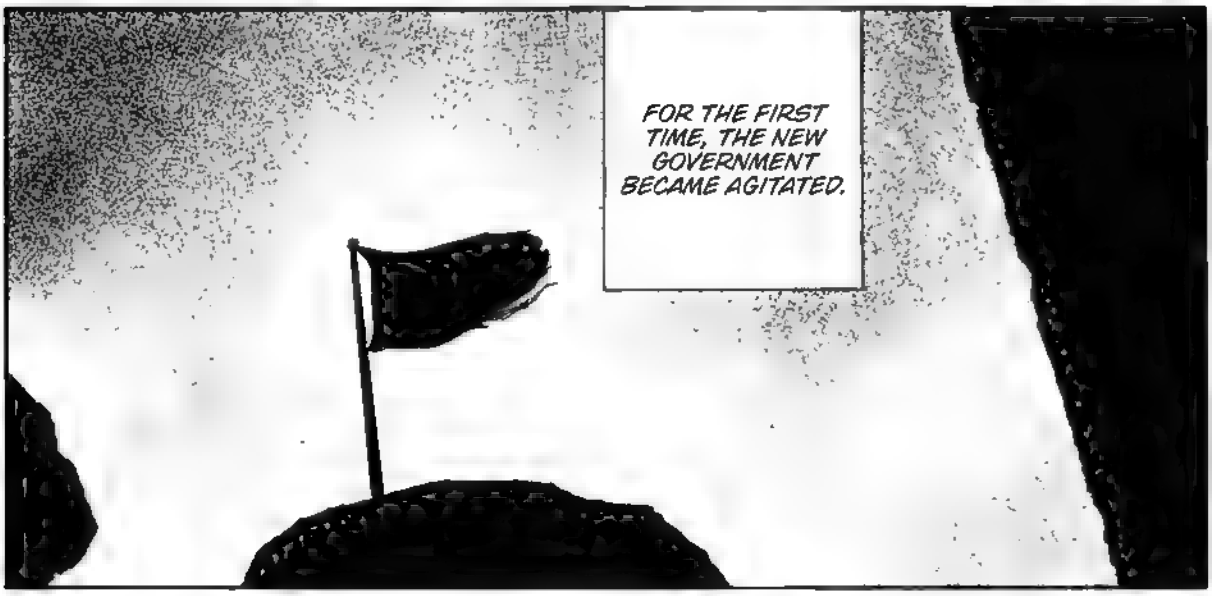

RETURN THE EXILES AND DOCUMENTS,
THE NEW GOVERN-MENT DEMANDED THAT THE WEST OASIS...
BUT THE WEST DE-CLINED.


AND SO, WE WERE DISPATCHED TO THE WEST-SOUTH BORDER.


THEY MANAGED TO PROCURE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE LEFTOVER WEAPONS AND TROOPS.
BECAUSE THERE WERE VERY FEW SACRIFICES MADE DURING THE COUP,
CURRENTLY, THE SOUTH OASIS ARMY HAS AN EDGE OVER THE WEST.

WITH TENSIONS ON THE RISE WITH THE SOUTH, THEY SCRAMBLED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR MILITARY.
IN CONTRAST, THE WEST HAD JUST ENOUGH STRENGTH TO DEFEND THE BORDER.

ABOVE ALL, THIS DISPARITY WAS SHRINKING OVER TIME.
THOUGH THE SOUTH DID HAVE THE UPPER HAND, IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO BRING DOWN THE WEST.


FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE NEW GOVERNMENT BECAME AGITATED.

AS A RESULT, IT WAS EXTREMELY LIKELY THE WEST, NORTH, AND EAST WOULD JOIN FORCES AGAINST THE SOUTH.

ON TOP OF THE AFFAIR WITH THE WEST, THE NORTH AND EAST GOVERNMENTS HAD BOTH ISSUED A STATEMENT DENOUNCING THE COUP D'ÉTAT.

BECAUSE THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE SOUTH HAD GARNERED OVER-WHELMING SUPPORT FROM THE RESIDENTS OF THE GREAT KANTO DESERT.

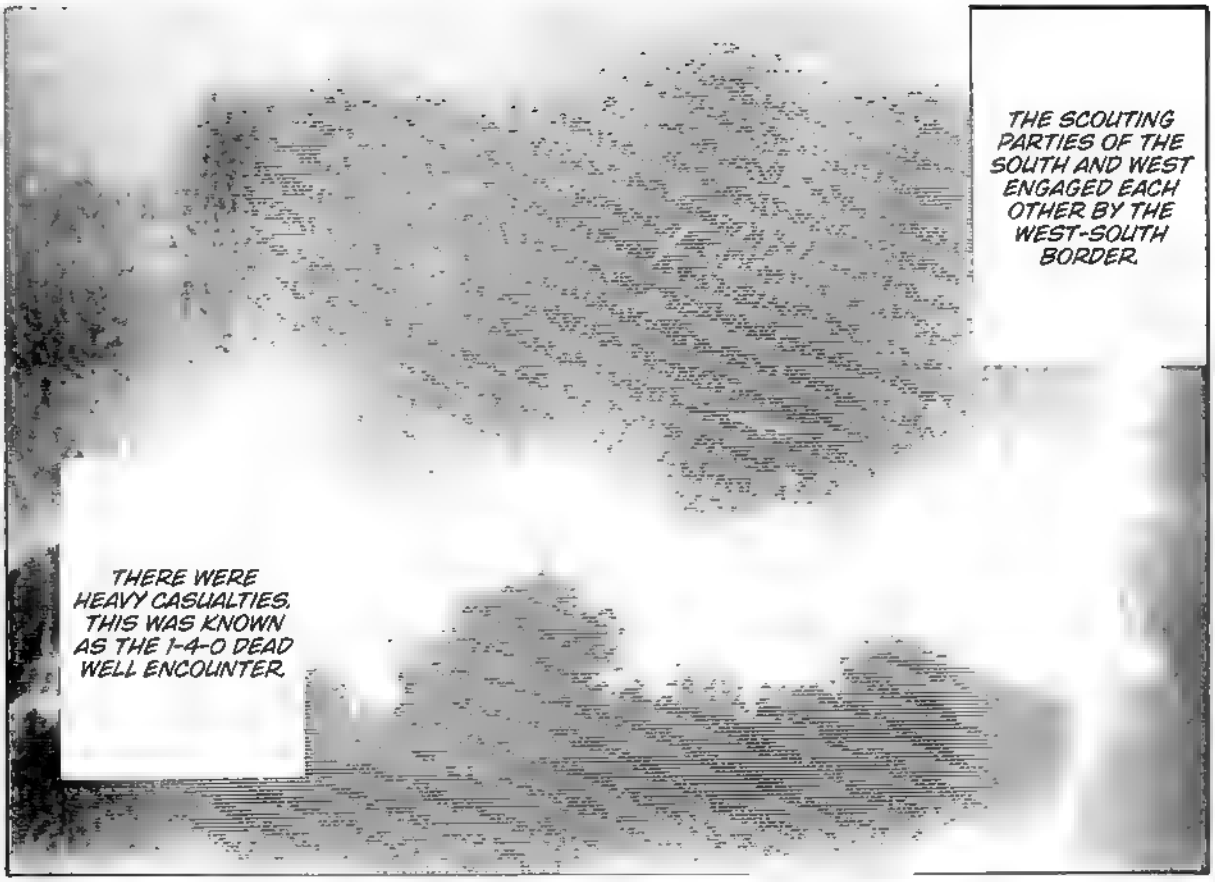
BUT THEY HAD YET TO MAKE ANY APPARENT MOVES,

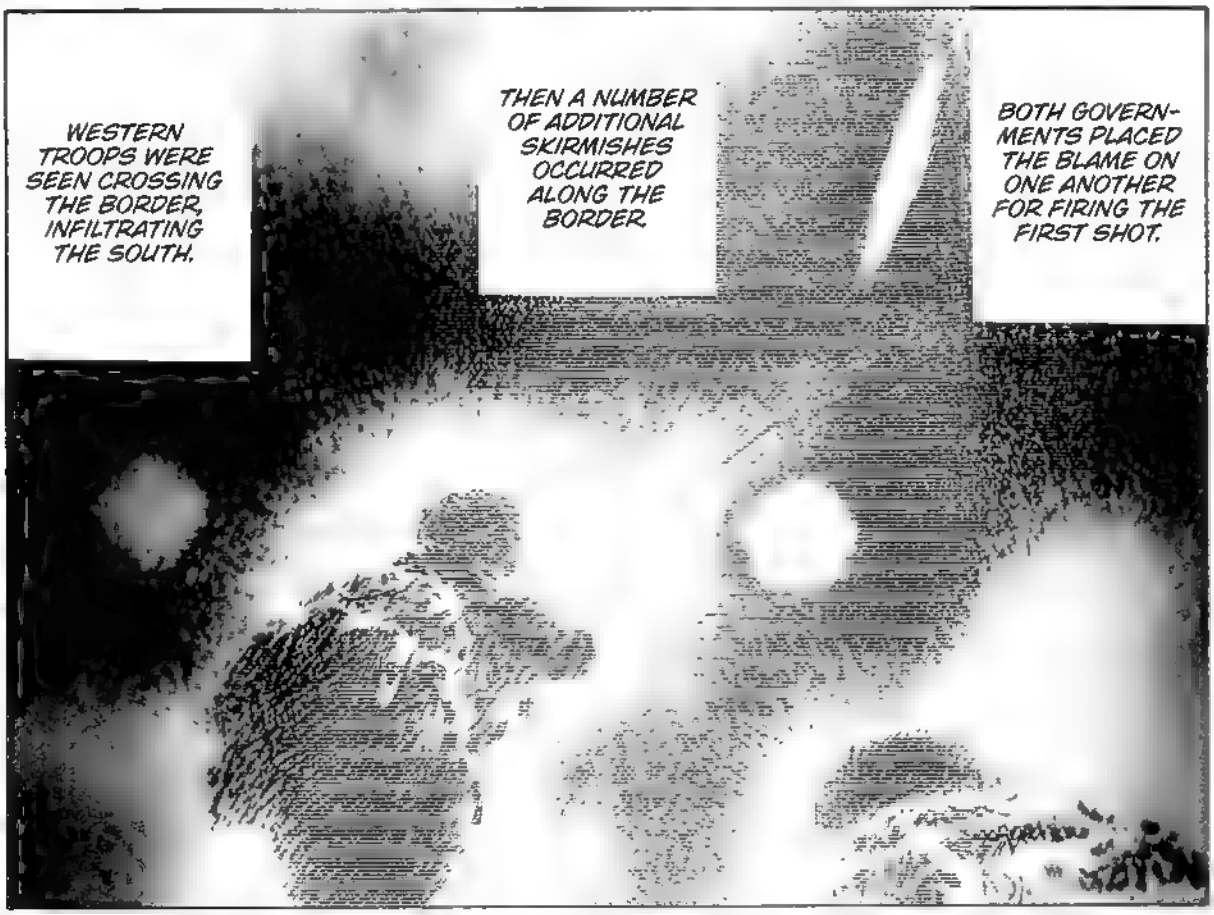
THE THREE FACTIONS WERE ALSO FEARFUL OF A POTENTIAL COUP D'ÉTAT AGAINST THEM.

THE ENTIRETY OF THE GREAT KANTO DESERT WAS SHROUDED BY A VEIL OF RESTLESSNESS.

THUS, THE GOVERNMENTS KEPT THEIR HEADS DOWN AND ON THE LOOKOUT.

AND THEN, **THAT** HAPPENED.


THE SCOUTING PARTIES OF THE SOUTH AND WEST ENGAGED EACH OTHER BY THE WEST-SOUTH BORDER.
THERE WERE HEAVY CASUALTIES. THIS WAS KNOWN AS THE 1-4-0 DEAD WELL ENCOUNTER.


WESTERN TROOPS WERE SEEN CROSSING THE BORDER, INFILTRATING THE SOUTH.
THEN A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL SKIRMISHES OCCURRED ALONG THE BORDER.
BOTH GOVERNMENTS PLACED THE BLAME ON ONE ANOTHER FOR FIRING THE FIRST SHOT.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT THEN TOOK ACTION, ASSUMING THE WORST CASE SCENARIO.

THIS WAS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WESTERN TROOPS, WHERE THE SKIRMISHES TOOK PLACE.

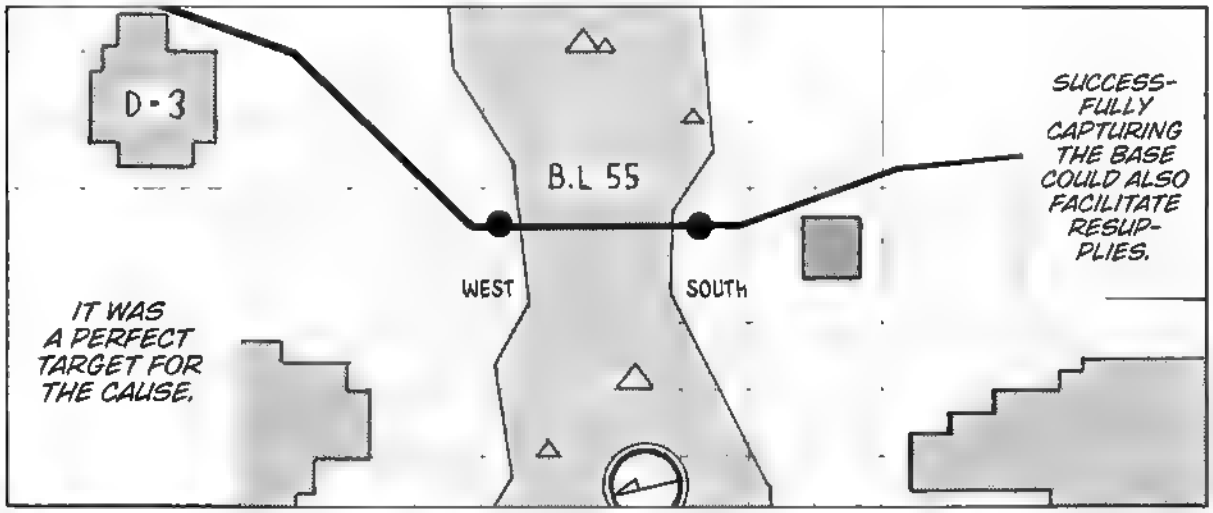
CAPTURE THE D-3 RESOURCE MINING HAMLET!

A STRATEGY TO DECAPITATE THE HEAD OF THE SNAKE.

A CON-CENTRATED EFFORT COULD CUT ALLY CASUALTIES TO A MINIMUM.

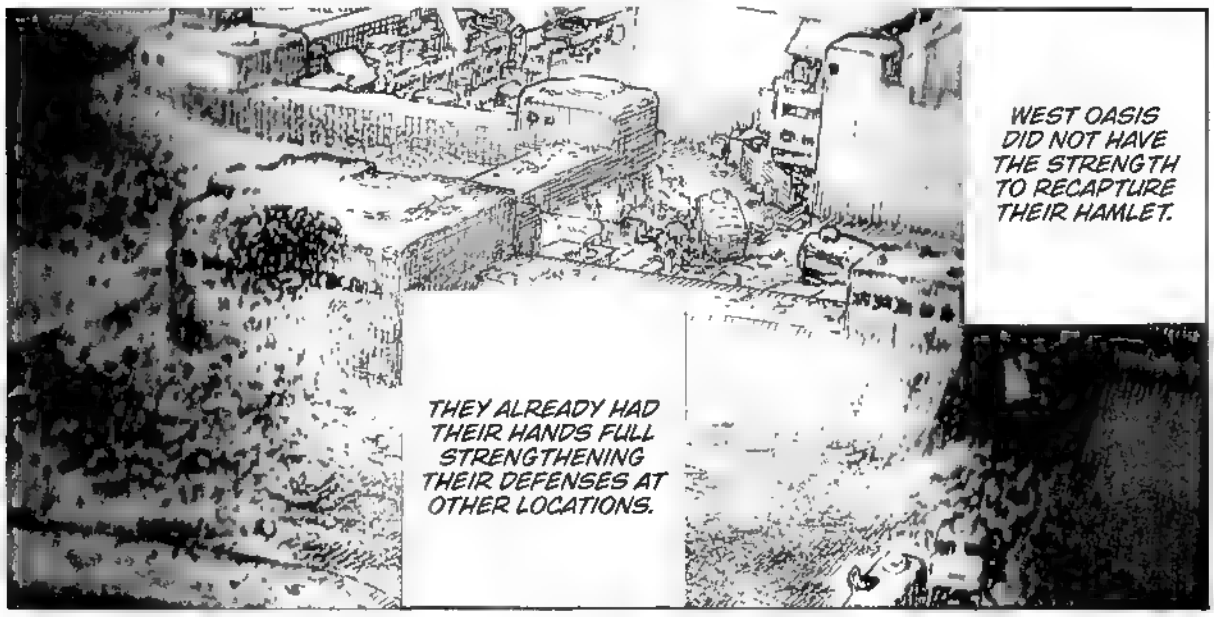
IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DEPLOY MECHA-NIZED UNITS.

SINCE D-3 WAS LOCATED ALONG THE WEST-SOUTH HIGHWAY CLOSE TO THE BORDER,



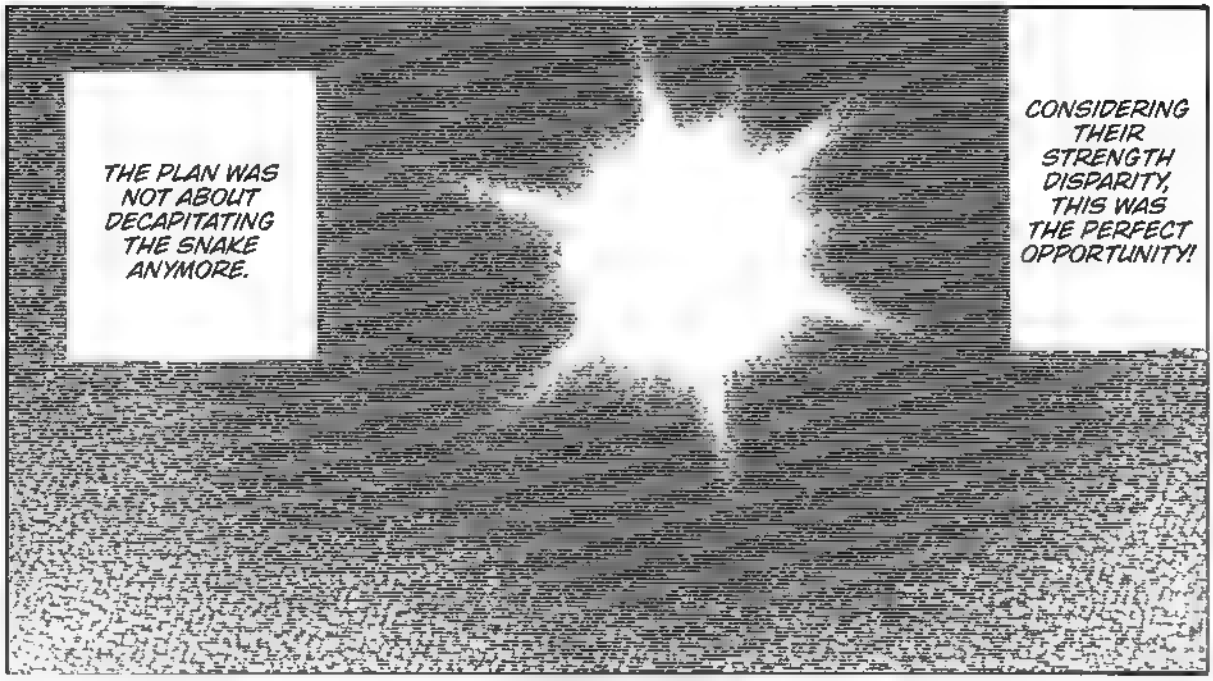
SUCCESS-FULLY CAPTURING THE BASE COULD ALSO FACILITATE RESUP-PLIES.

IT WAS A PERFECT TARGET FOR THE CAUSE.

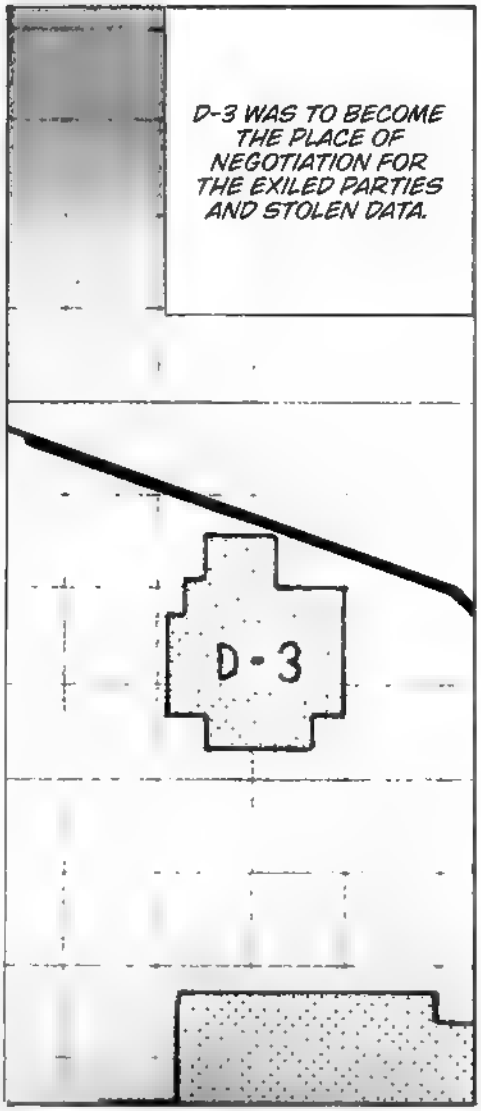


WEST OASIS DID NOT HAVE THE STRENGTH TO RECAPTURE THEIR HAMLET.

THEY ALREADY HAD THEIR HANDS FULL STRENGTHENING THEIR DEFENSES AT OTHER LOCATIONS.


THE PLAN WAS NOT ABOUT DECAPITATING THE SNAKE ANYMORE.
CONSIDERING THEIR STRENGTH DISPARITY, THIS WAS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!

IT WAS VERY LIKELY THAT THE WEST WOULD AGREE TO THE DEALS.
UNDER THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, LOSING A SINGLE MINING HAMLET COULD BE DEVASTATING.
We won!
THIS WAS A STRATEGY IN WHICH THE SOUTH OASIS NEW GOVERNMENT HAD SEEKED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE GREAT KANTO DESERT.


D-3 WAS TO BECOME THE PLACE OF NEGOTIATION FOR THE EXILED PARTIES AND STOLEN DATA.
D-3

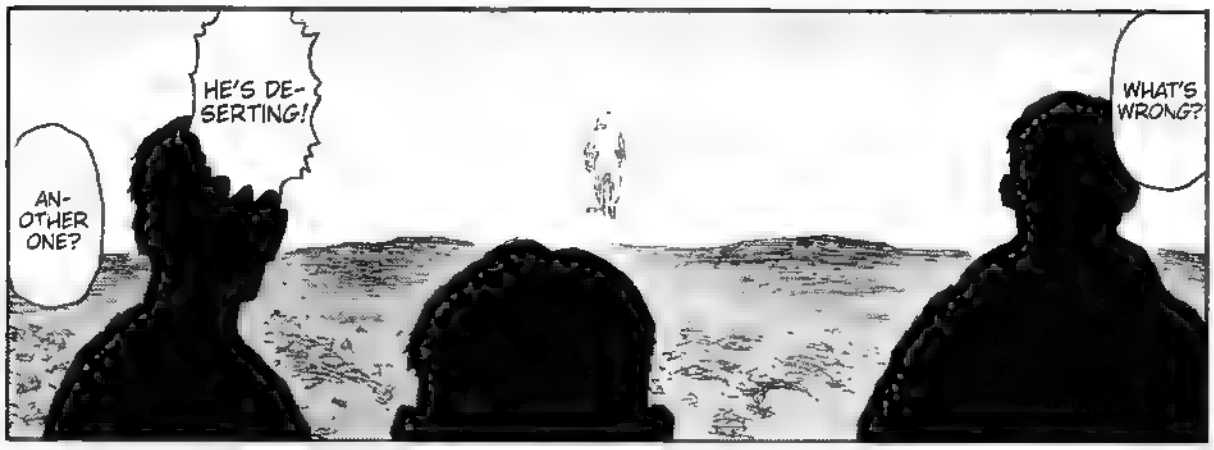
Can't look down on us!
Just leave it to us!
Hehe!
EVERYBODY BELIEVED SO.
Nothing special!!
Aahahaha!
That was easy!
ALL WILL WORK OUT AS LONG AS WE HAVE D-3 SECURED.
SINCE THINGS HAVE GONE WELL UP UNTIL NOW, THINGS WILL CONTINUE TO GO WELL.

A PIECE OF CAKE...

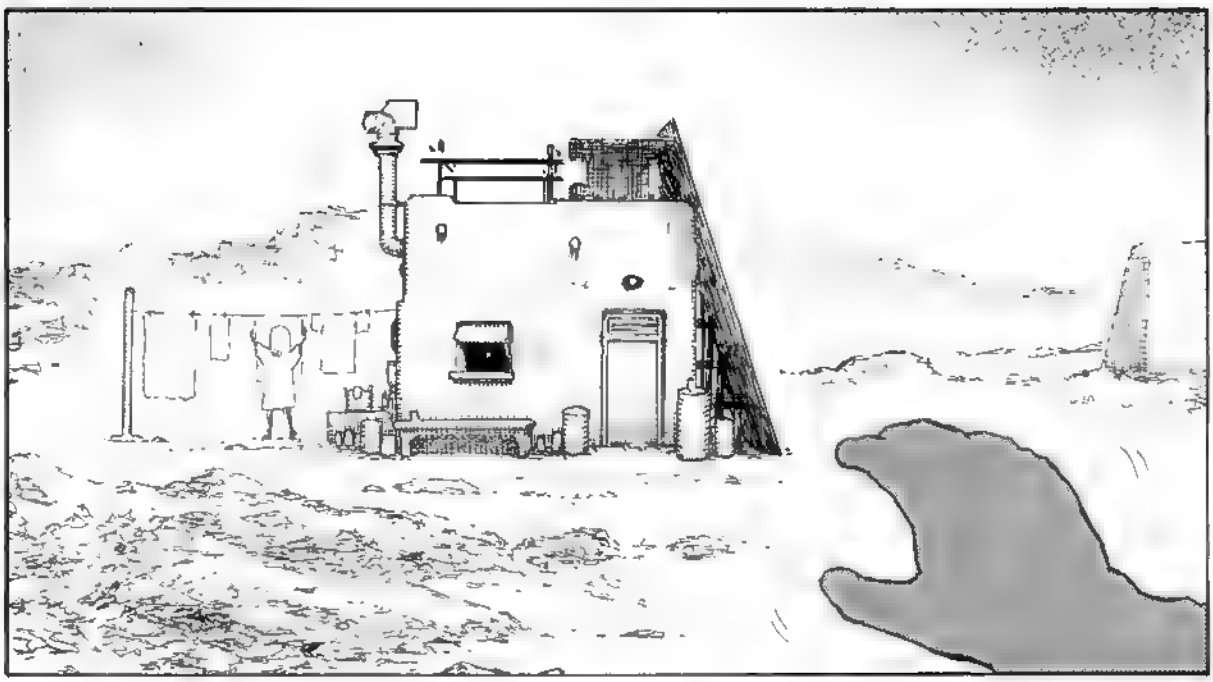
DAY 10 OF THE D-3 OCCUPATION:

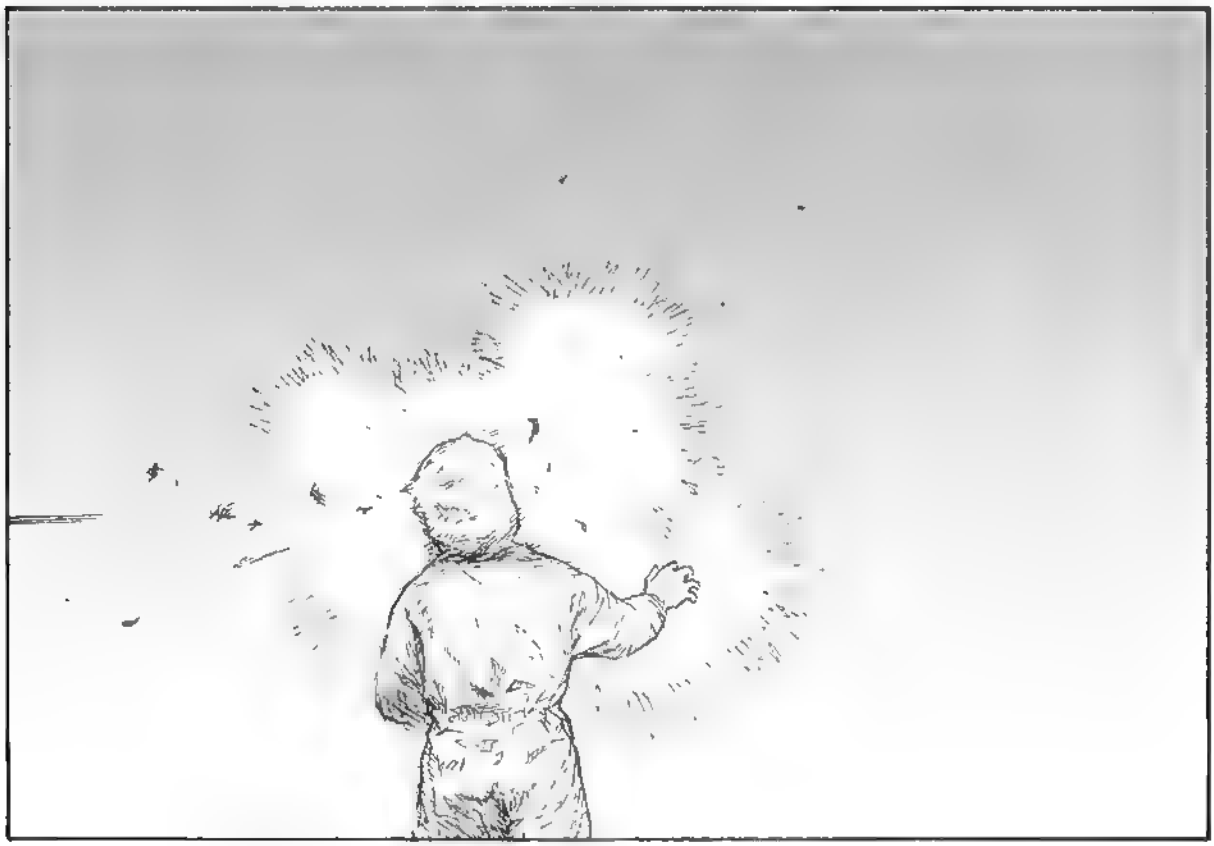
BACK DOOR

COME BACK HERE!
IDIOT! DON'T WALK OUT!
STAGGER


HE'S DE-SERTING!
AN-OTHER ONE?
WHAT'S WRONG?

I'M GOING HOME...
PANT PANT
PANT
HOME.





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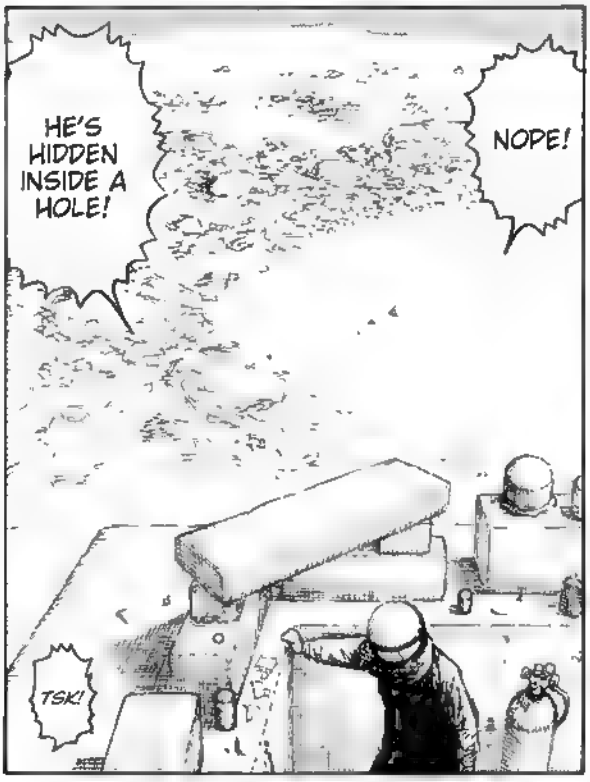
BANG
BANG
WOOOSH

THUD


HE'S HIDDEN INSIDE A HOLE!
NOPE!
TSK!

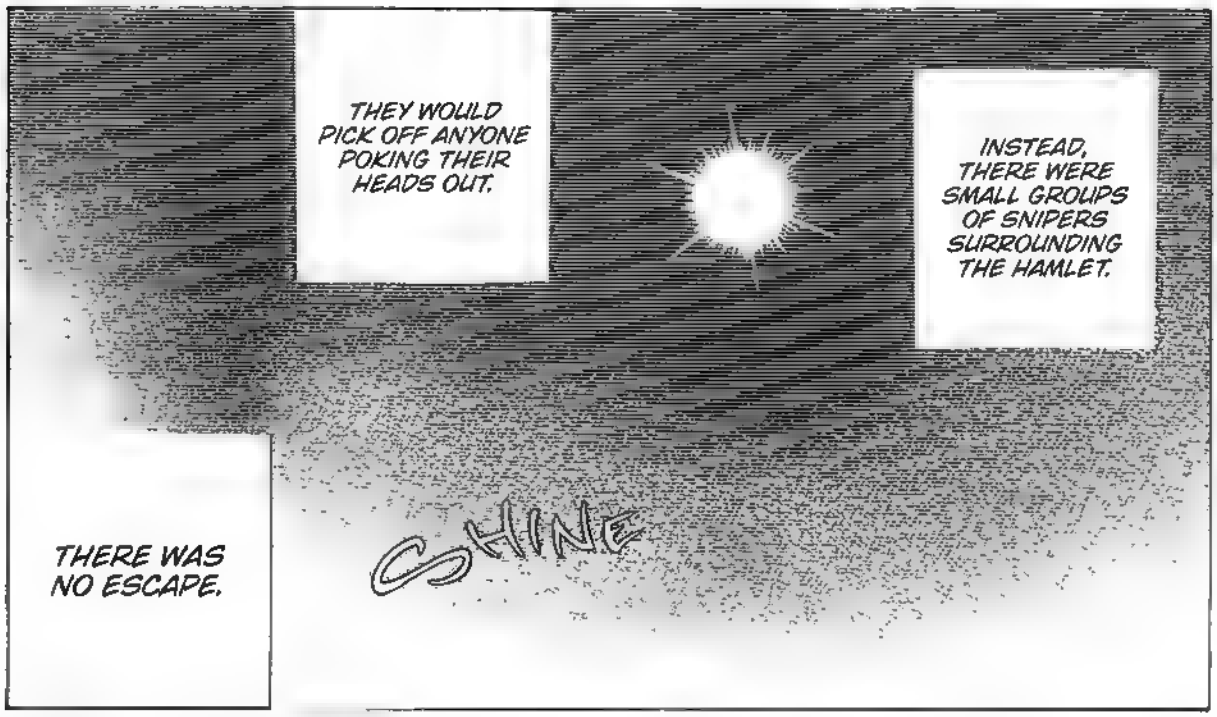
DID YOU SEE?

THAT WAS THE FIFTH ONE.

HE DIDN'T HAVE THE BALLS TO KEEP HIMSELF SANE.
WHAT A DUMBASS.

GOVERNMENT PEOPLE REALLY DO LACK GUTS.
I'D SAY YOU'RE PROBABLY THE WEIRD ONE IF YOU HAVEN'T GONE INSANE YET.

AS EXPECTED, THE ENEMY DID NOT ATTACK HEAD ON.
DON'T FORGET, THEY WERE THE ONES WHO PLANNED THE COUP D'ÉTAT.

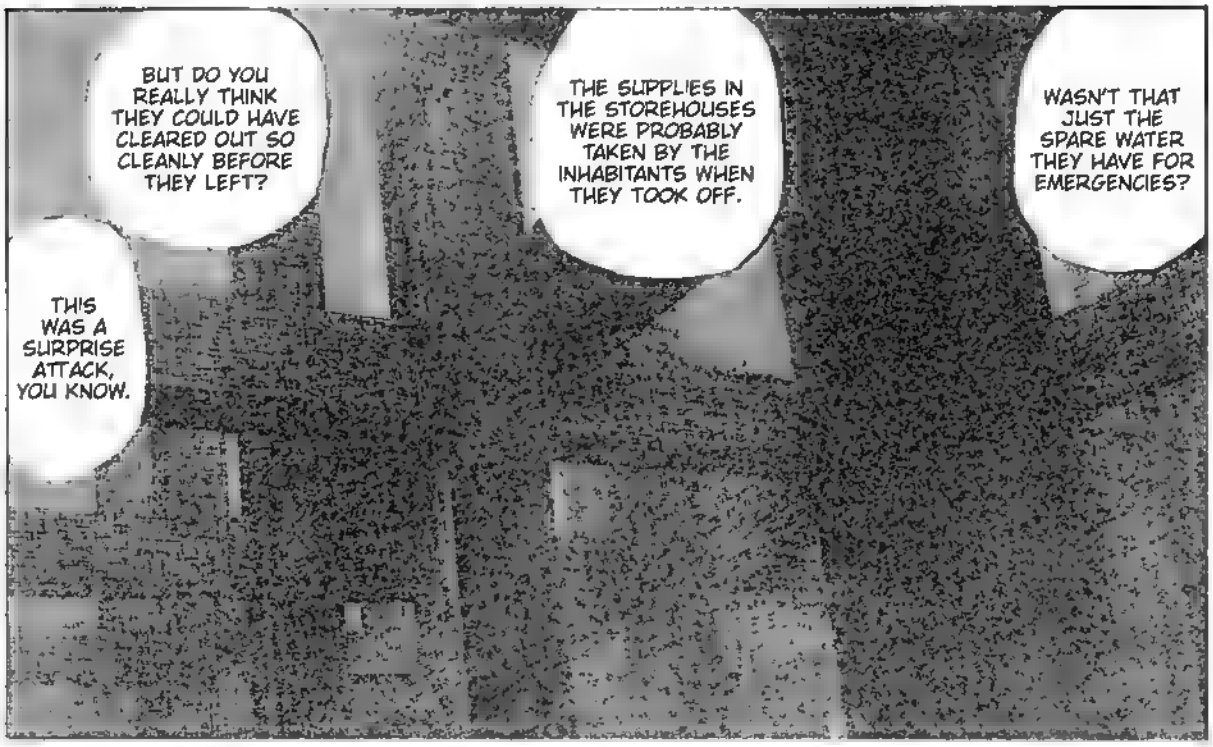

THEY WOULD PICK OFF ANYONE POKING THEIR HEADS OUT.
INSTEAD, THERE WERE SMALL GROUPS OF SNIPERS SURROUNDING THE HAMLET.
THERE WAS NO ESCAPE.
SHINE

WHAT?
DO YOU THINK WE GOT BAITED?

AND THEN TARGET OUR FOOD SUPPLY?
MAYBE THE ENEMY HAD PLANNED TO TRAP US FROM THE START,

THERE WASN'T EVEN A SINGLE PIECE OF SCRAP FOR US TO TAKE, RIGHT?
BUT WHEN WE TOOK THIS PLACE OVER,
...NO WAY.

THE WATER WE MANAGED TO DRAW FROM THE WELL WAS ALSO CONTAMINATED.
THE ELEVATOR TO THE UNDER-GROUND TUNNELS EVEN HAD IT'S MOTOR COMPLETELY DESTROYED.


BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY COULD HAVE CLEARED OUT SO CLEANLY BEFORE THEY LEFT?
THE SUPPLIES IN THE STOREHOUSES WERE PROBABLY TAKEN BY THE INHABITANTS WHEN THEY TOOK OFF.
WASN'T THAT JUST THE SPARE WATER THEY HAVE FOR EMERGENCIES?
THIS WAS A SURPRISE ATTACK, YOU KNOW.

WELL, I GUESS...
...MAYBE.

THEY WOULDN'T JUST ABANDON THE MINE LIKE THIS.
IMPOS-SIBLE.
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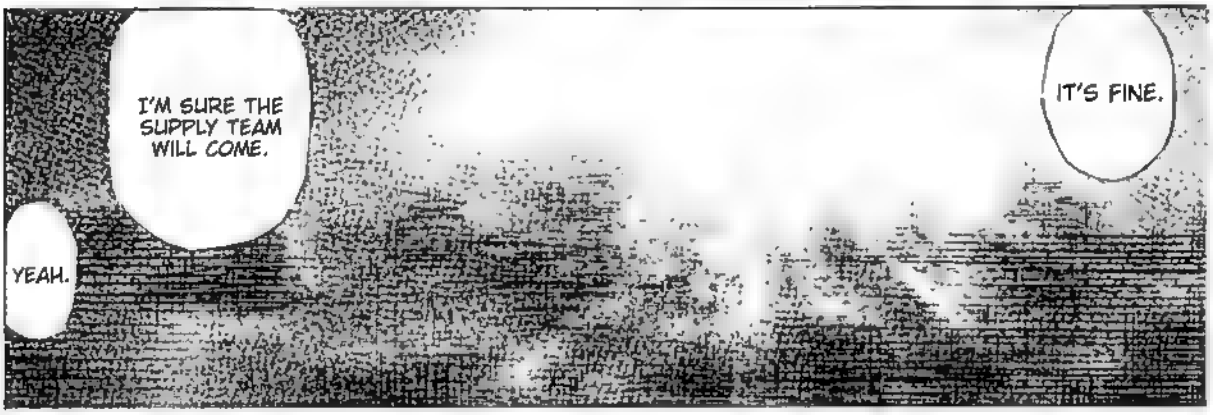
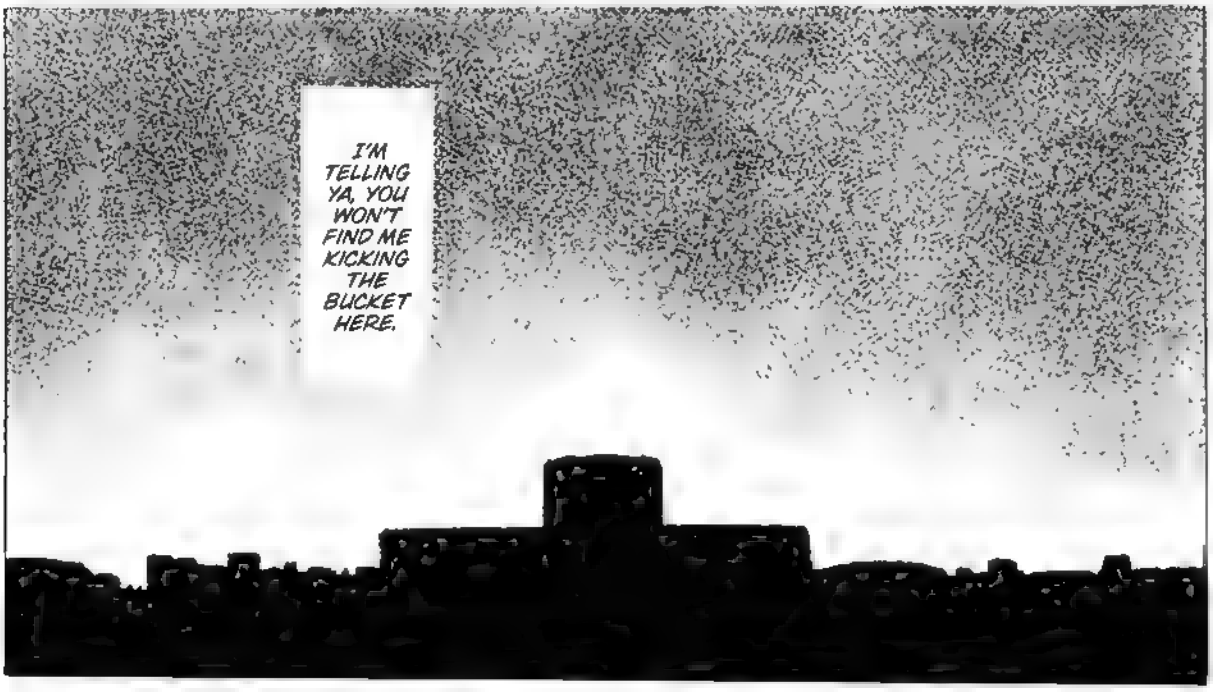

I'M SURE THE SUPPLY TEAM WILL COME.
YEAH.
IT'S FINE.


I'M TELLING YA, YOU WON'T FIND ME KICKING THE BUCKET HERE.

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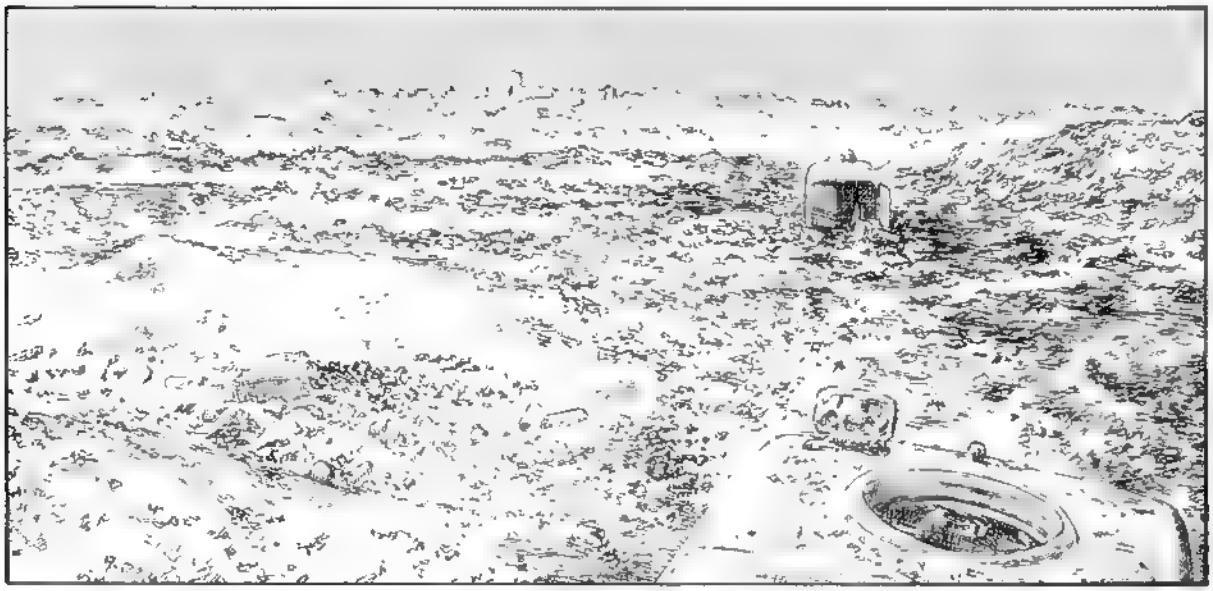
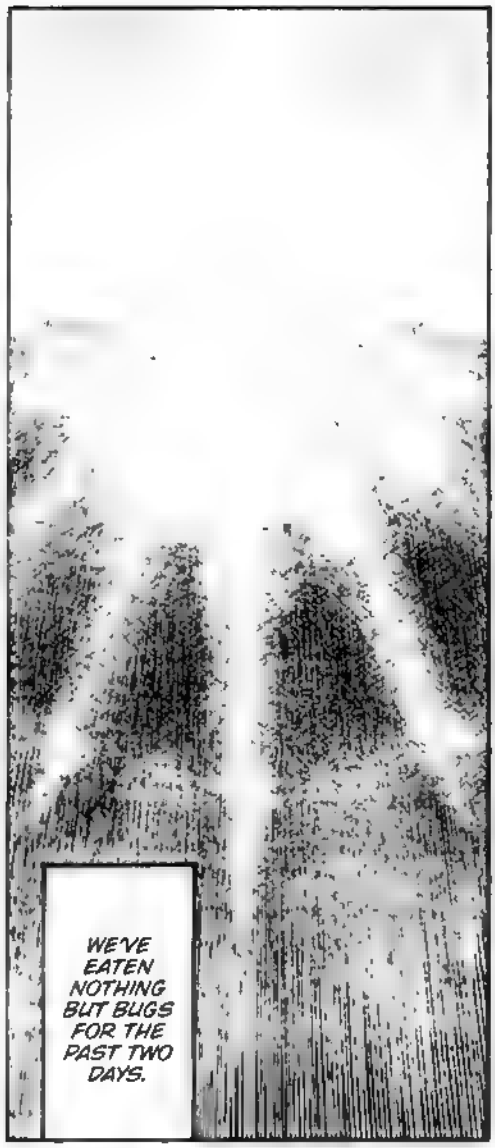
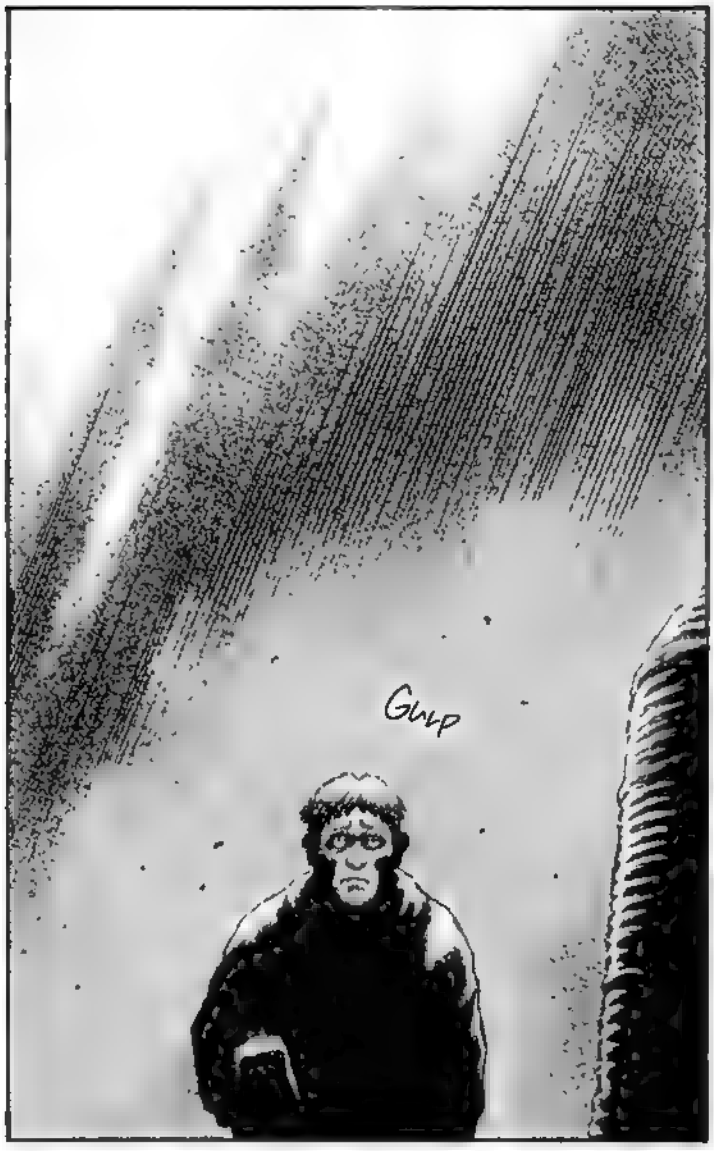


DAY 15 OF THE D-3 OCCU-PATION:
THE RESUPPLY TEAM HAS YET TO ARRIVE.

CHOMP
SMACK


WE'VE EATEN NOTHING BUT BUGS FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS.


GULP

RUSTLE

IS IT SMOKED?
M-MEAT?
THESE ARE RATIONS.

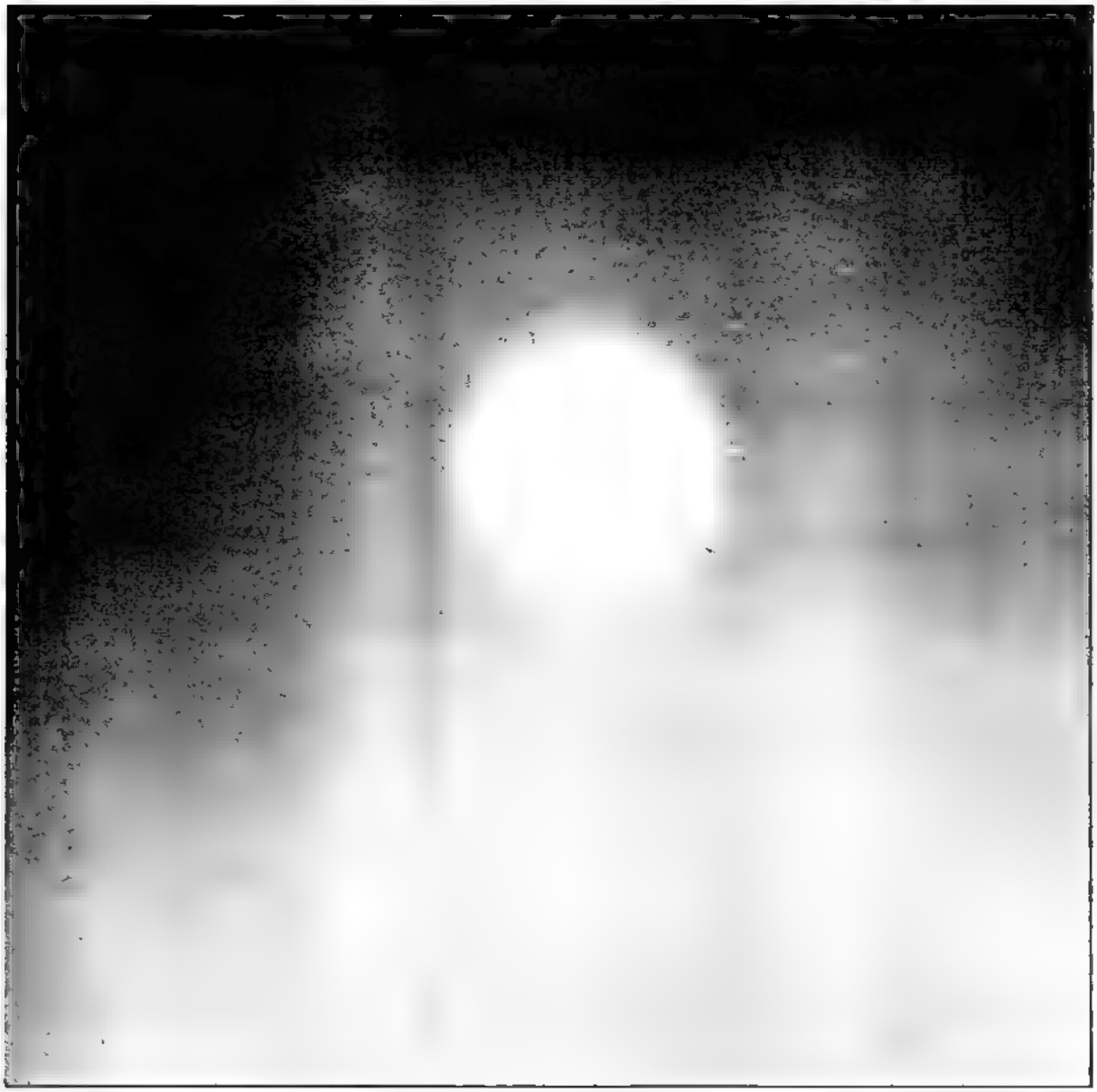
OR YOU'LL UPSET YOUR STOMACH.
CHEW YOUR FOOD PROPERLY,

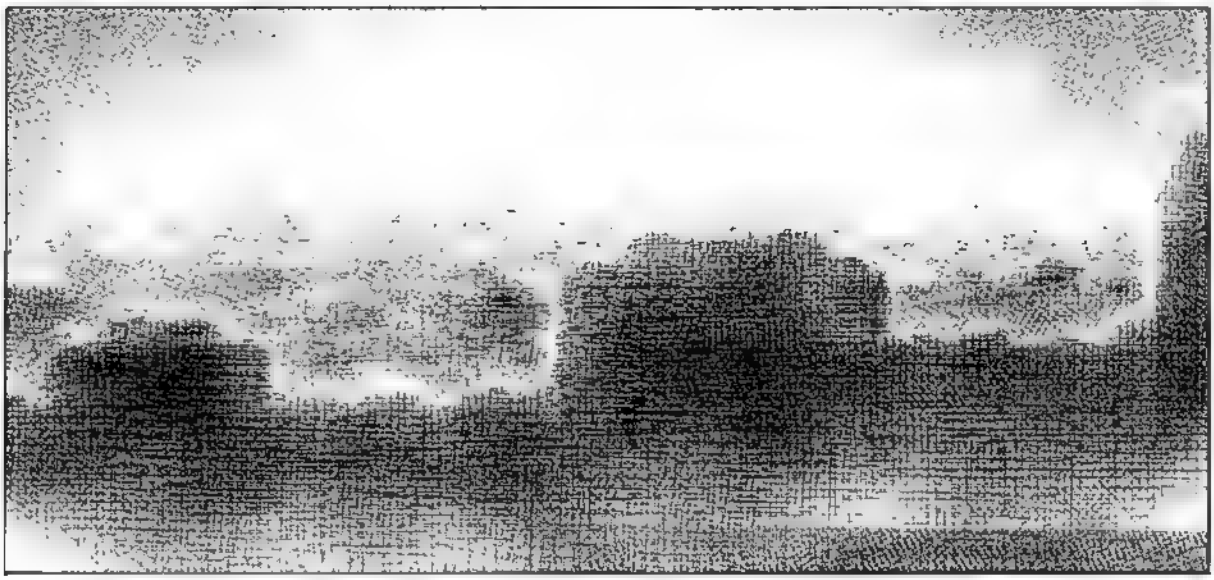
THIS IS ALL WE HAVE FOR TODAY. SAVOR IT.
MUNCH
CLENCH
YANK

THEY'RE FOR THE EXACT SITUATION WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW.
THESE ARE EMERGENCY PROVISIONS.
...WHAT'S UP WITH THIS?
Taaaasty!
MOM
MOM

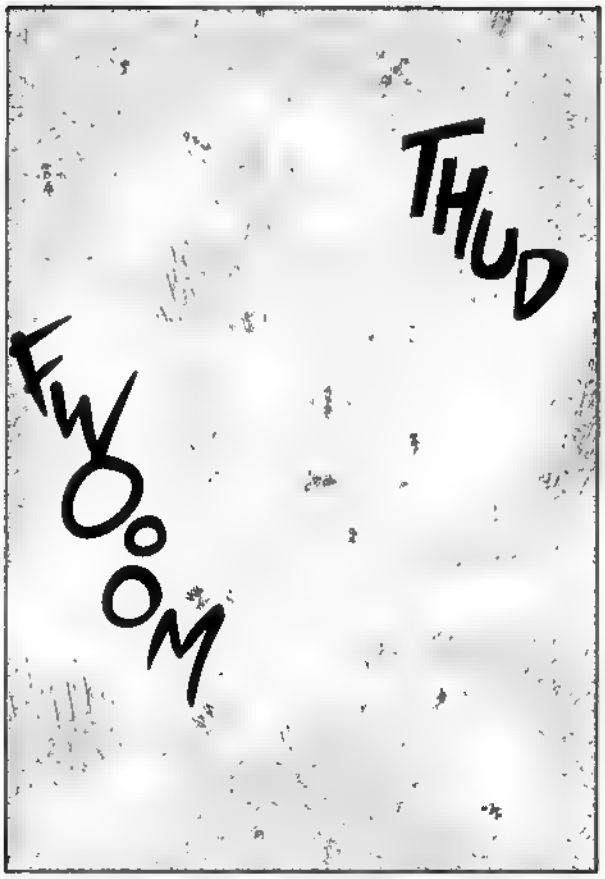
WHY DIDN'T YOU BRING IT OUT SOO–
IF YOU'VE HAD THESE SINCE THE BEGINNING,

...FUCK IT.
CHEW
CHEW





UERGH!
BLEUGH!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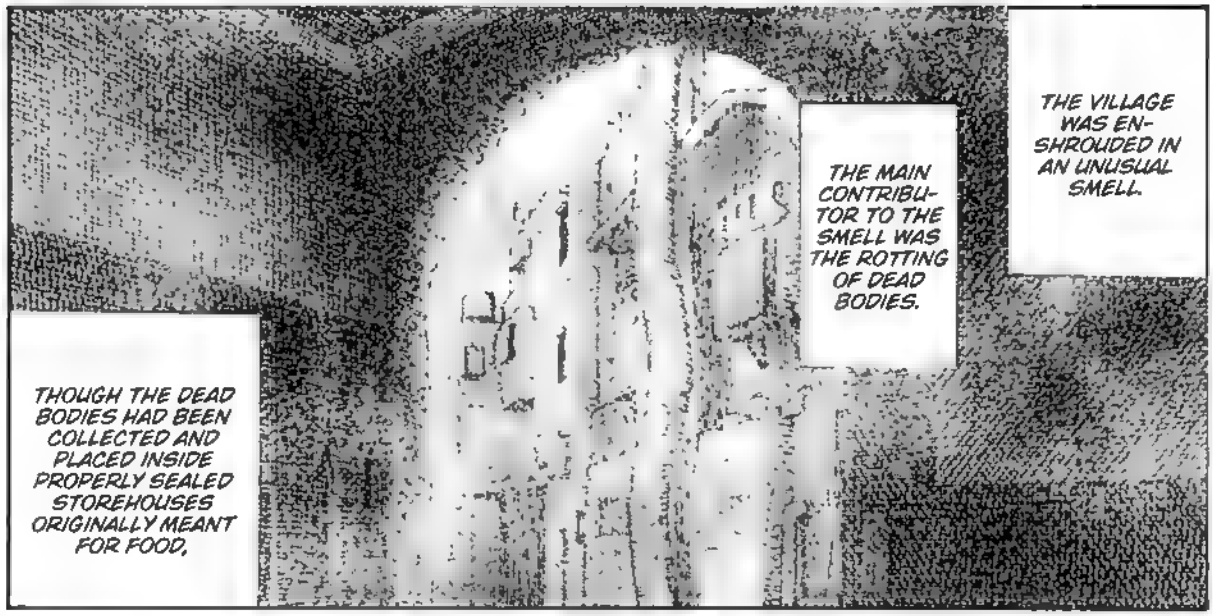
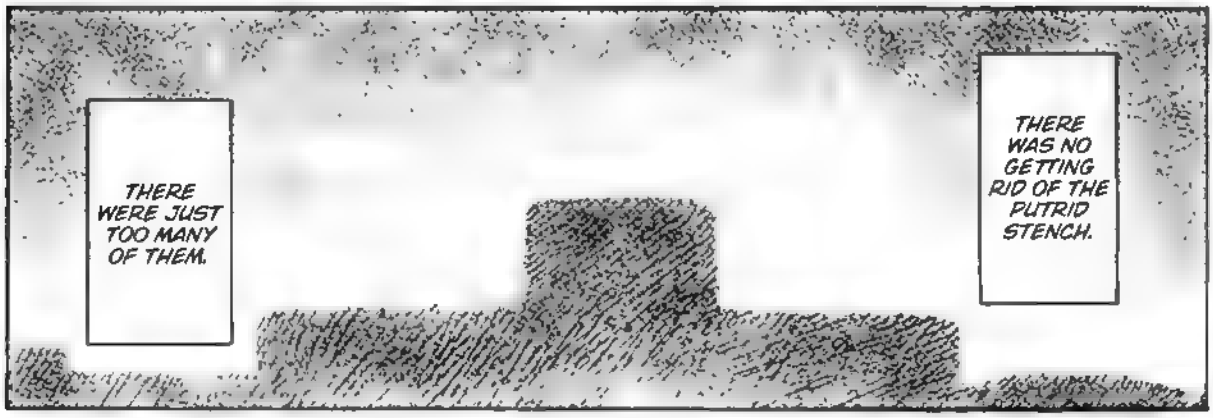
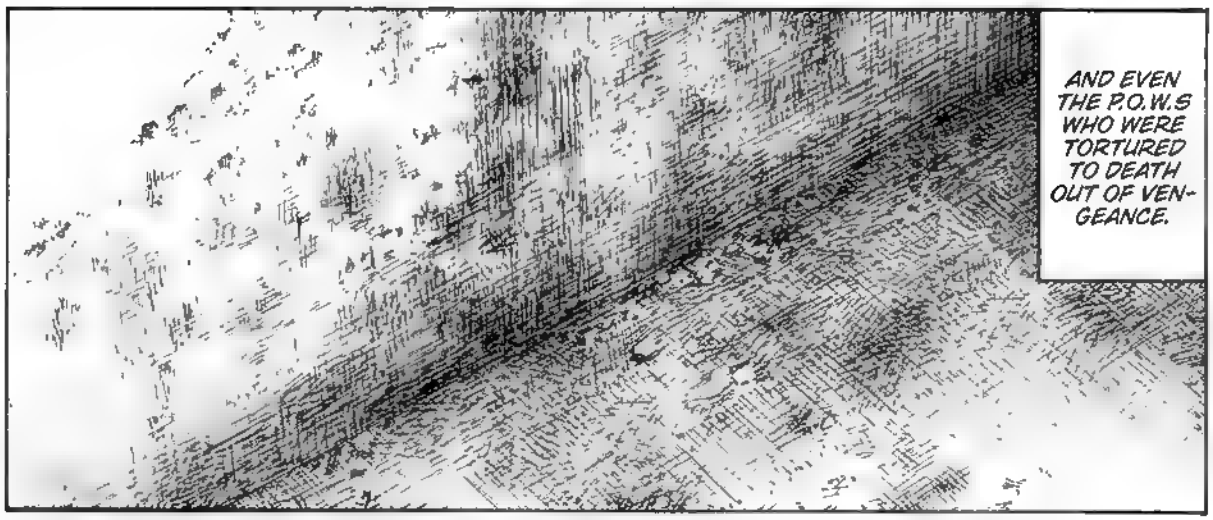
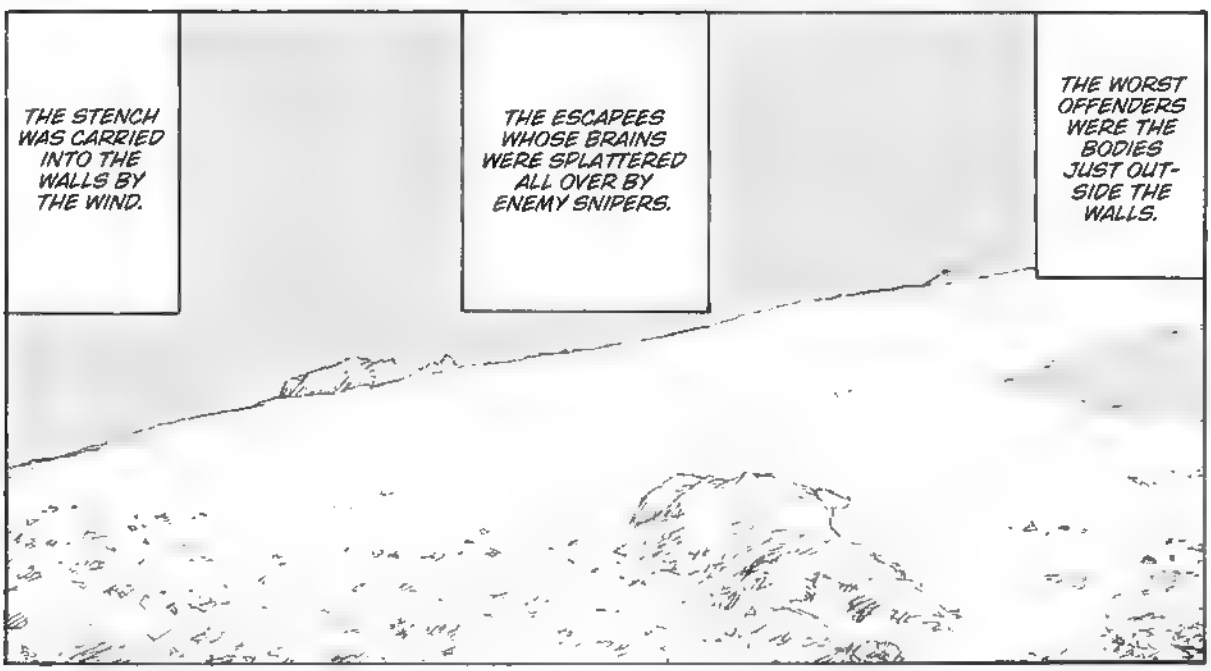
FWOOOM

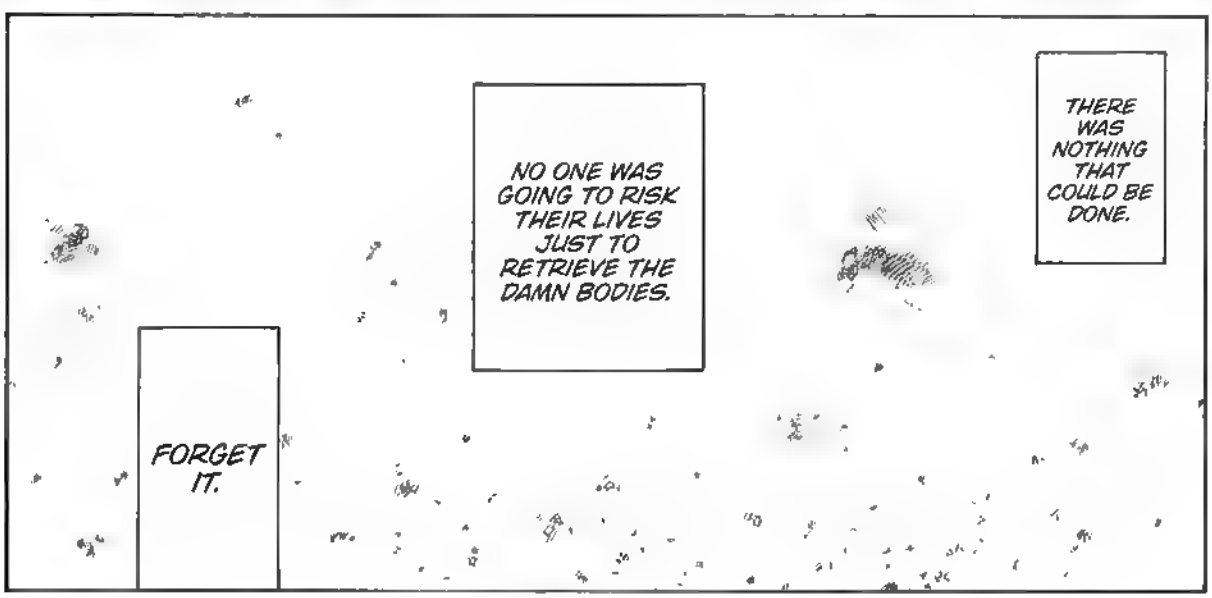

THE VILLAGE WAS EN-SHROUDED IN AN UNUSUAL SMELL.
THE MAIN CONTRIBU-TOR TO THE SMELL WAS THE ROTTING OF DEAD BODIES.
THOUGH THE DEAD BODIES HAD BEEN COLLECTED AND PLACED INSIDE PROPERLY SEALED STOREHOUSES ORIGINALLY MEANT FOR FOOD,


THERE WERE JUST TOO MANY OF THEM.
THERE WAS NO GETTING RID OF THE PUTRID STENCH.

THE COWARDLY WHO KILLED THEMSELVES FROM THE HOPELESSNESS OF THEIR CURRENT SITUATION...
THE INJURED WHO DIED PAINFUL DEATHS FROM THE LACK OF TREATMENT,
THE ONES WHO DIED IN BATTLE,


AND EVEN THE P.O.W.S WHO WERE TORTURED TO DEATH OUT OF VEN-GEANCE.


THE STENCH WAS CARRIED INTO THE WALLS BY THE WIND.
THE ESCAPEES WHOSE BRAINS WERE SPLATTERED ALL OVER BY ENEMY SNIPERS.
THE WORST OFFENDERS WERE THE BODIES JUST OUT-SIDE THE WALLS.


THERE WAS NOTHING THAT COULD BE DONE.
NO ONE WAS GOING TO RISK THEIR LIVES JUST TO RETRIEVE THE DAMN BODIES.
FORGET IT.

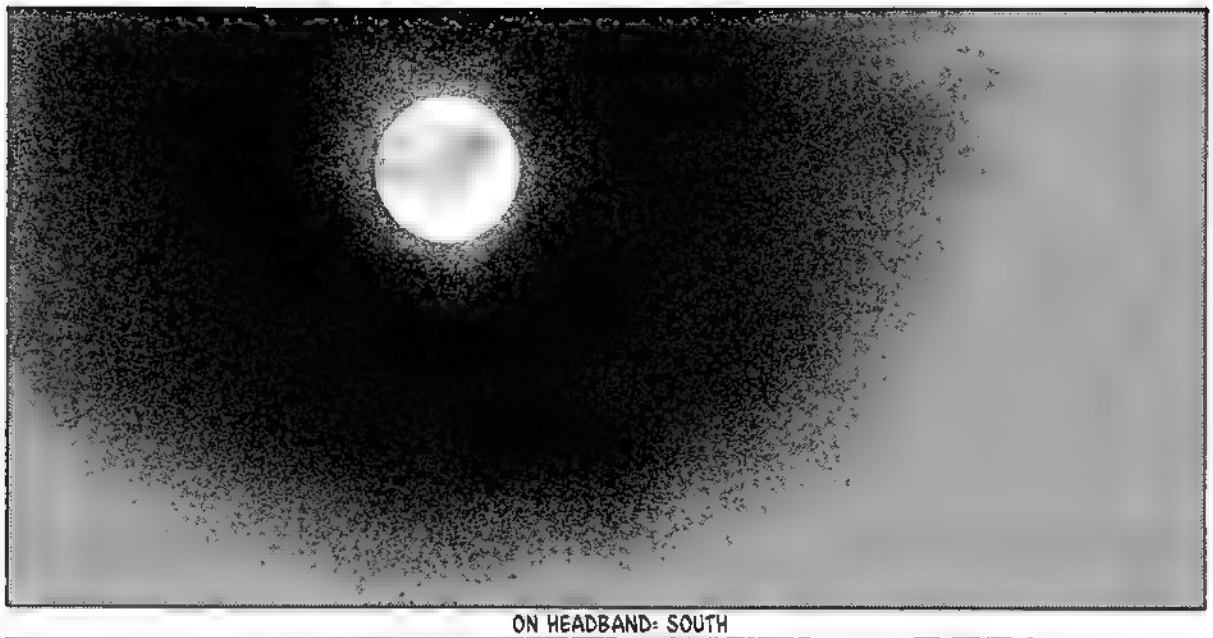
TOGETHER WITH THE ROTTEN STENCH, THEY MIXED AND INFUSED INTO THE FLOORS AND WALLS.

ALONGSIDE THE SMELL OF VARIOUS FILTH AND GARBAGE THAT PIERCED THE NOSE.

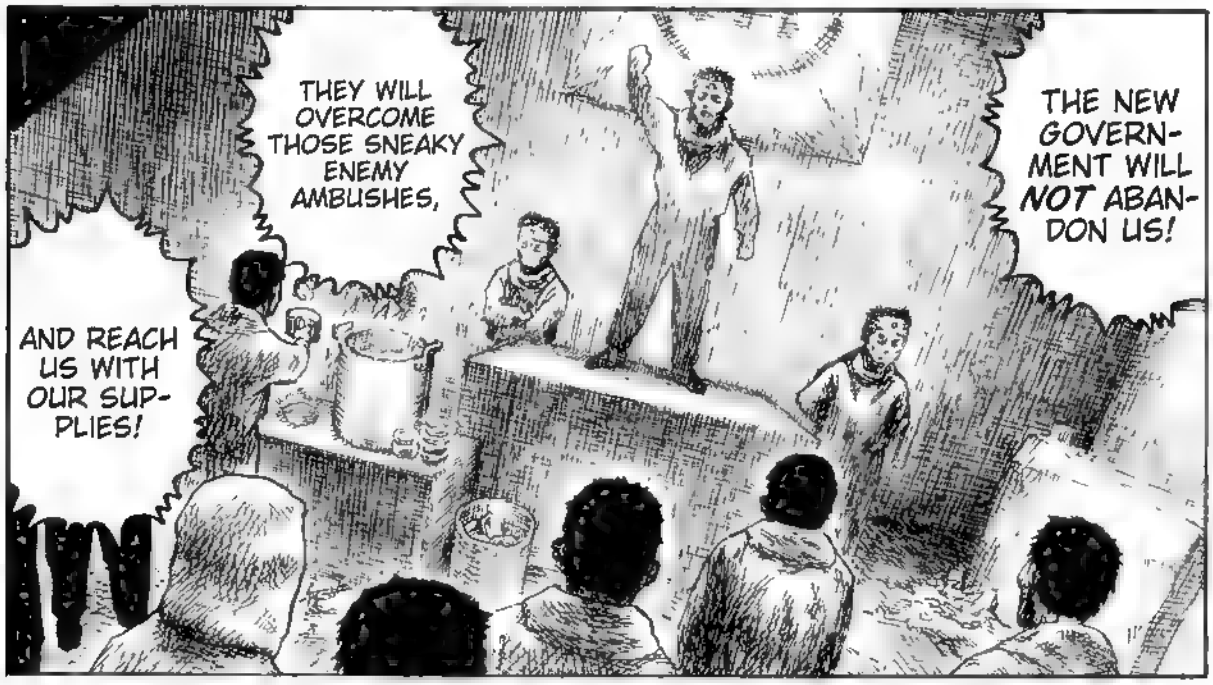
ON TOP OF WHICH, THERE WAS ALSO THE BODY ODOR AND BREATH OF MEN WHO HAD LONG PASSED THEIR LIMITS,

WITHIN MY OWN BODY IS ALSO...

...THE SMELL OF HELL.

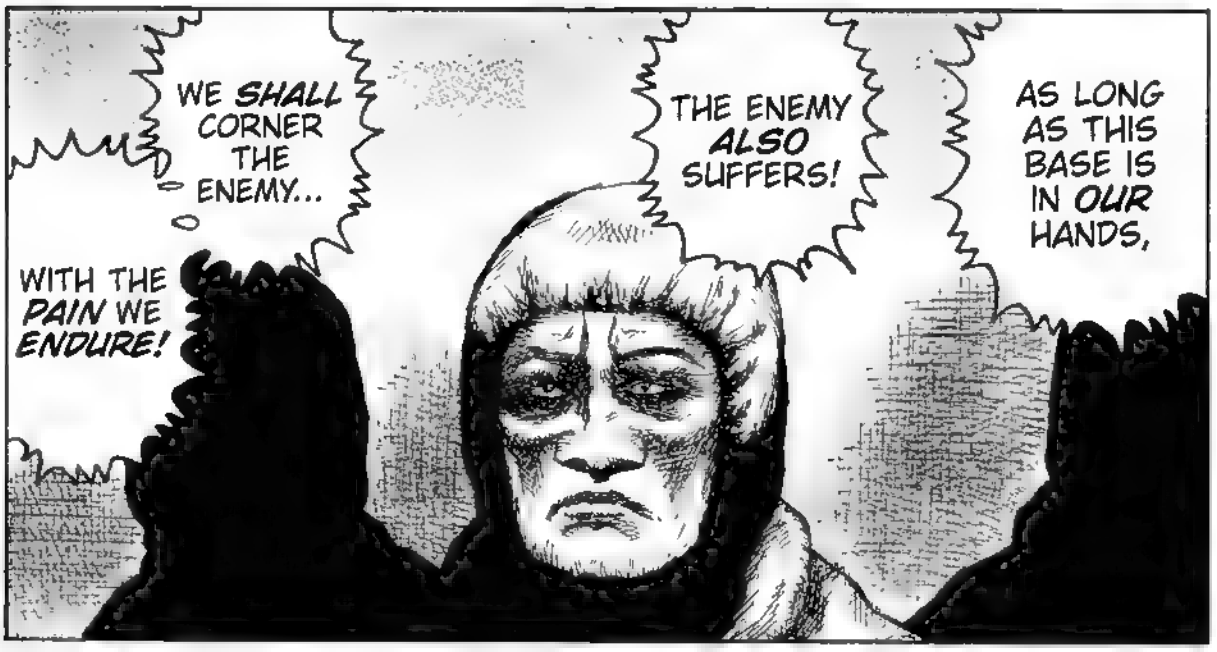


ON HEADBAND: SOUTH



THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE YET TO COME AND RETAKE THIS VILLAGE IS PROOF OF THAT!
THE ENEMY FORCES ARE FEW!

THEY ARE PROBABLY DESPERATE TO RETAKE THIS PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE ONGOING CONFLICT WITH SOUTH OASIS!
THIS RESOURCE MINING VILLAGE IS AN IMPORTANT BASE FOR THE ENEMY!


WE SHALL CORNER THE ENEMY...
WITH THE PAIN WE ENDURE!
THE ENEMY ALSO SUFFERS!
AS LONG AS THIS BASE IS IN OUR HANDS,

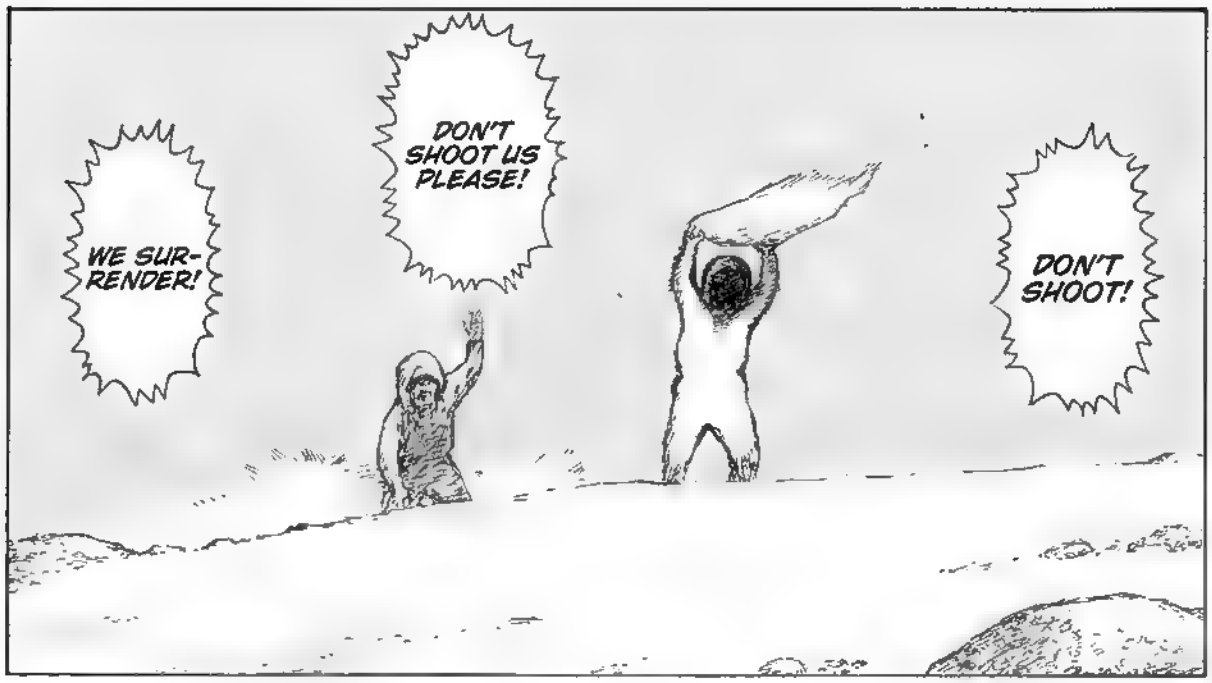
THOSE WHO ARE EQUALLY DISTRUSTING OF COMMAND HAVE GATHERED.

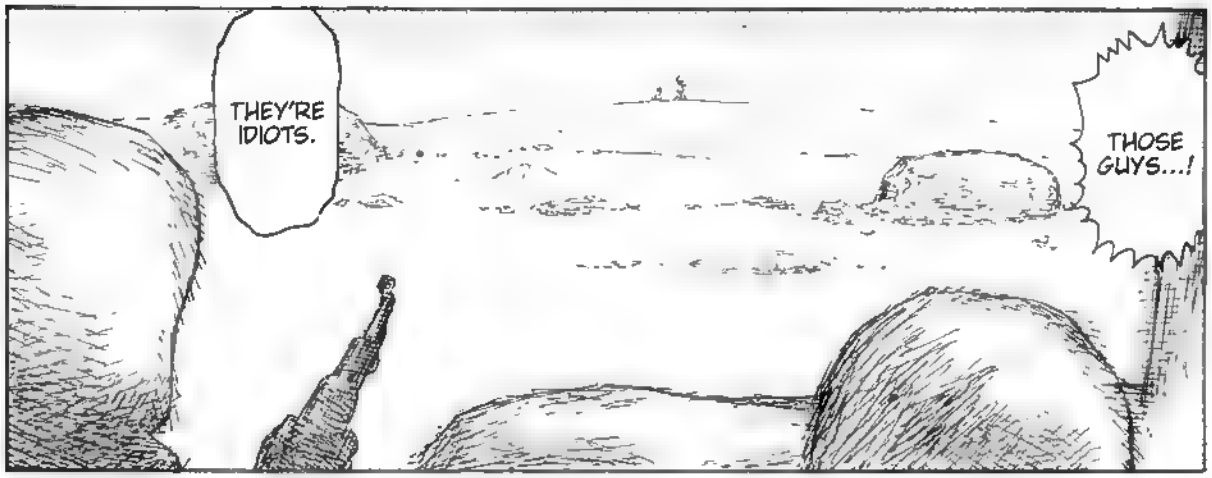
THEY'VE EVEN SPOKEN OF REBELLION.

I'M DONE BELIEVING WHAT THE FRONT COMMAND HAS TO SAY.

AND SO THE IDEA WAS SHELVED.

BUT AS OF NOW, THE NUMBERS WHO SUPPORT THIS REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT REMAINS HIGH.


WE SUR-RENDER!
DON'T SHOOT US PLEASE!
DON'T SHOOT!

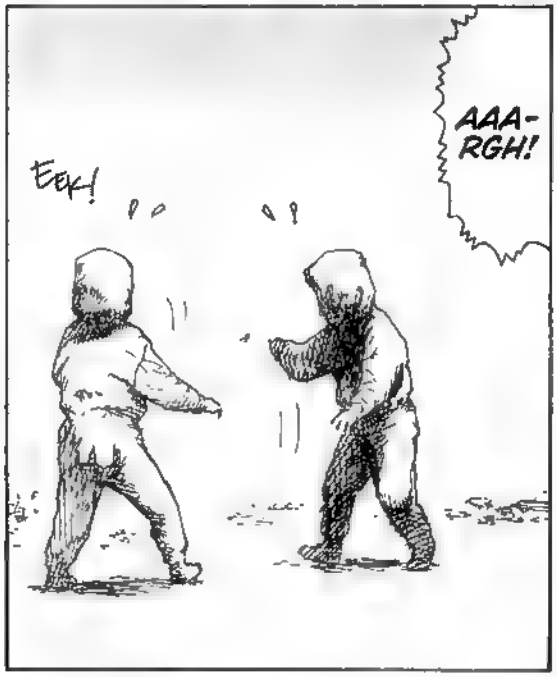

THEY'RE IDIOTS.
THOSE GUYS...!

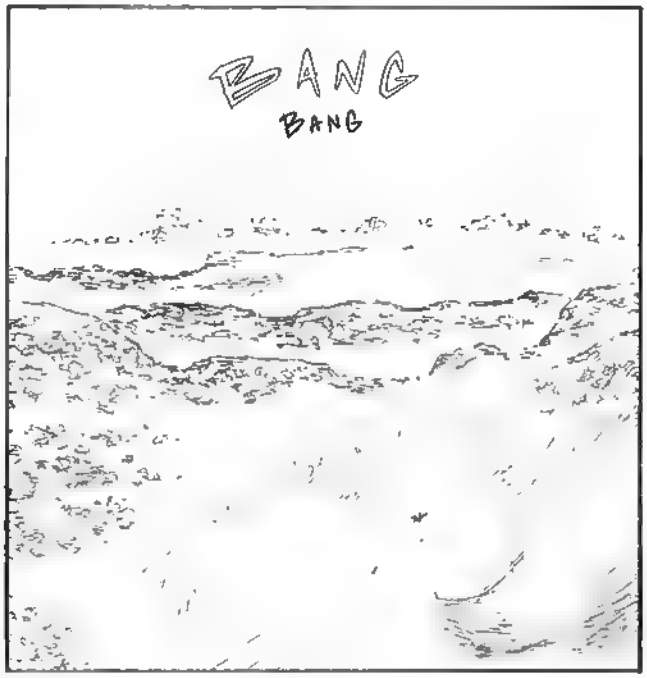
PLEASE DON'T SHOOT!

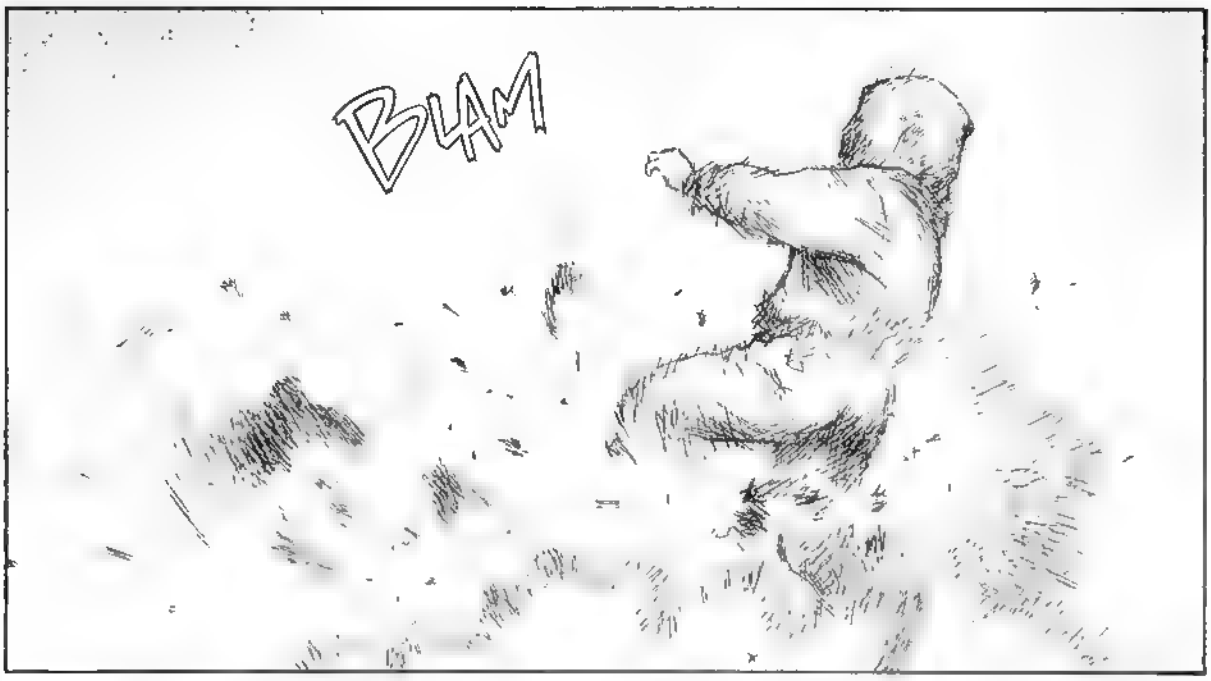
BANG

TSK
He got done in.

SHOCK


EEK!
AAA-RGH!


BANG
BANG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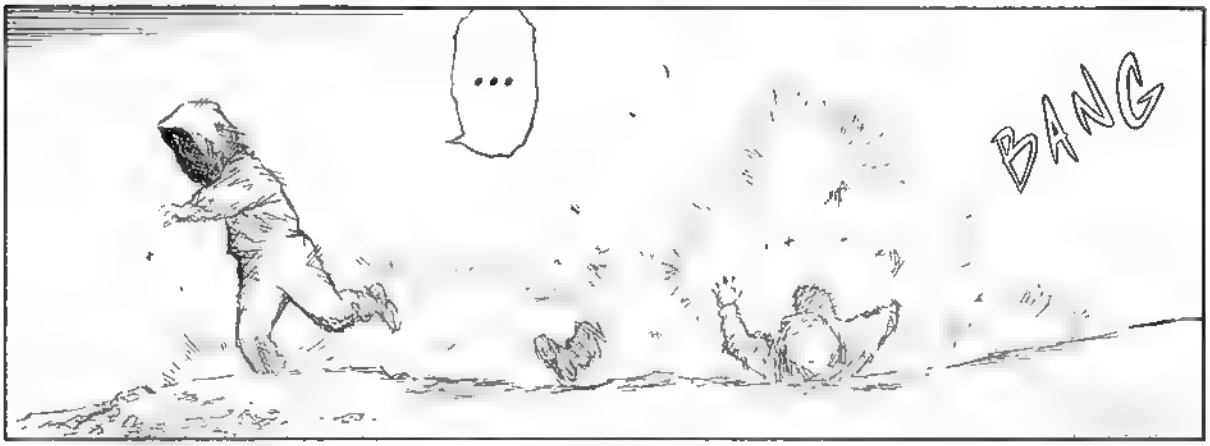
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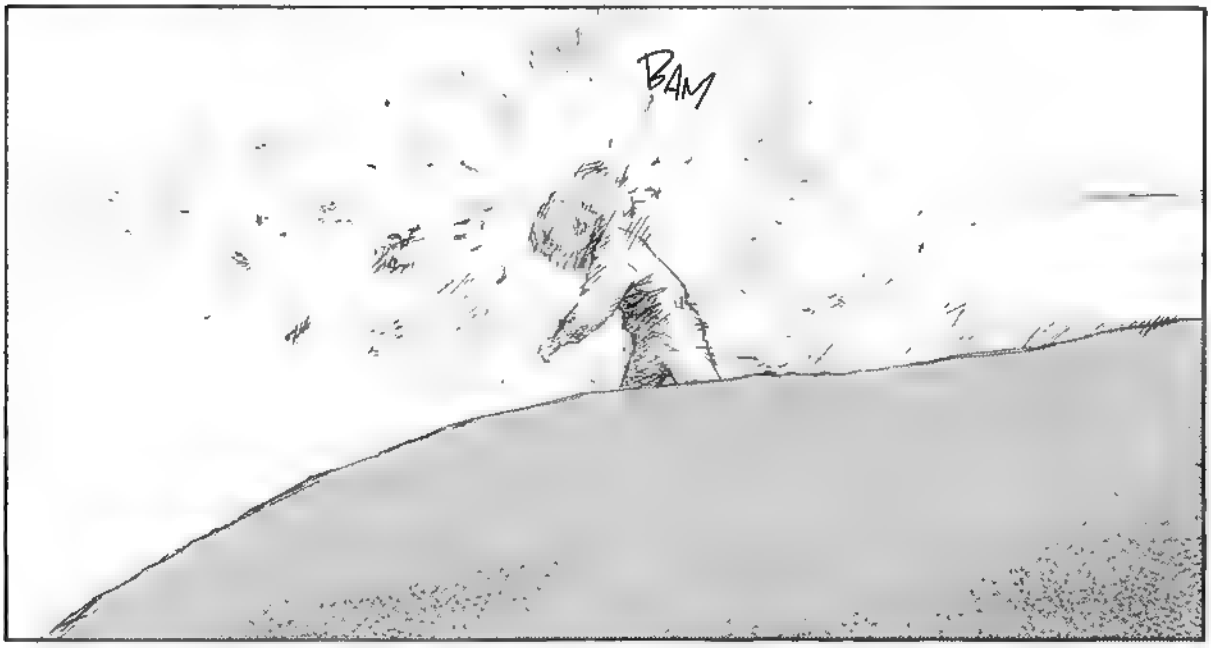
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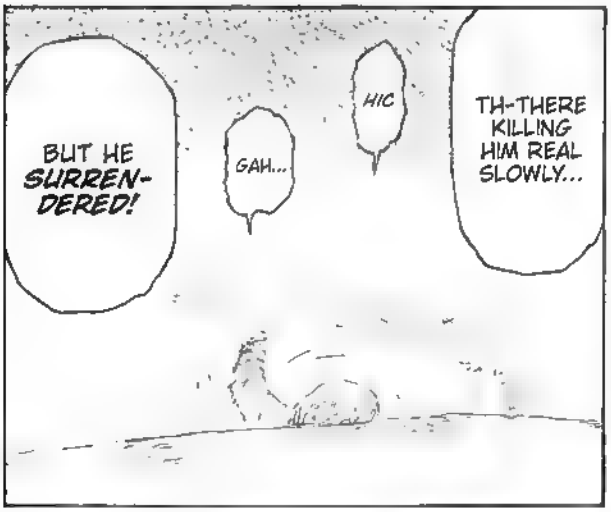
AAA-AAR-GHH...

IT... IT HUUU-URTS...

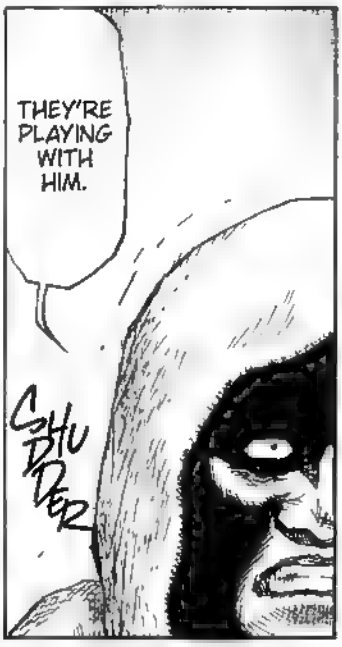
HELP...

Uuuuugh
Aaahhh...
Aaargh!
Oww...
Fuuuck-
Graaahh!


BUT HE SURREN-DERED!
GAH...
HIC
TH-THERE KILLING HIM REAL SLOWLY...

BANG
BANG

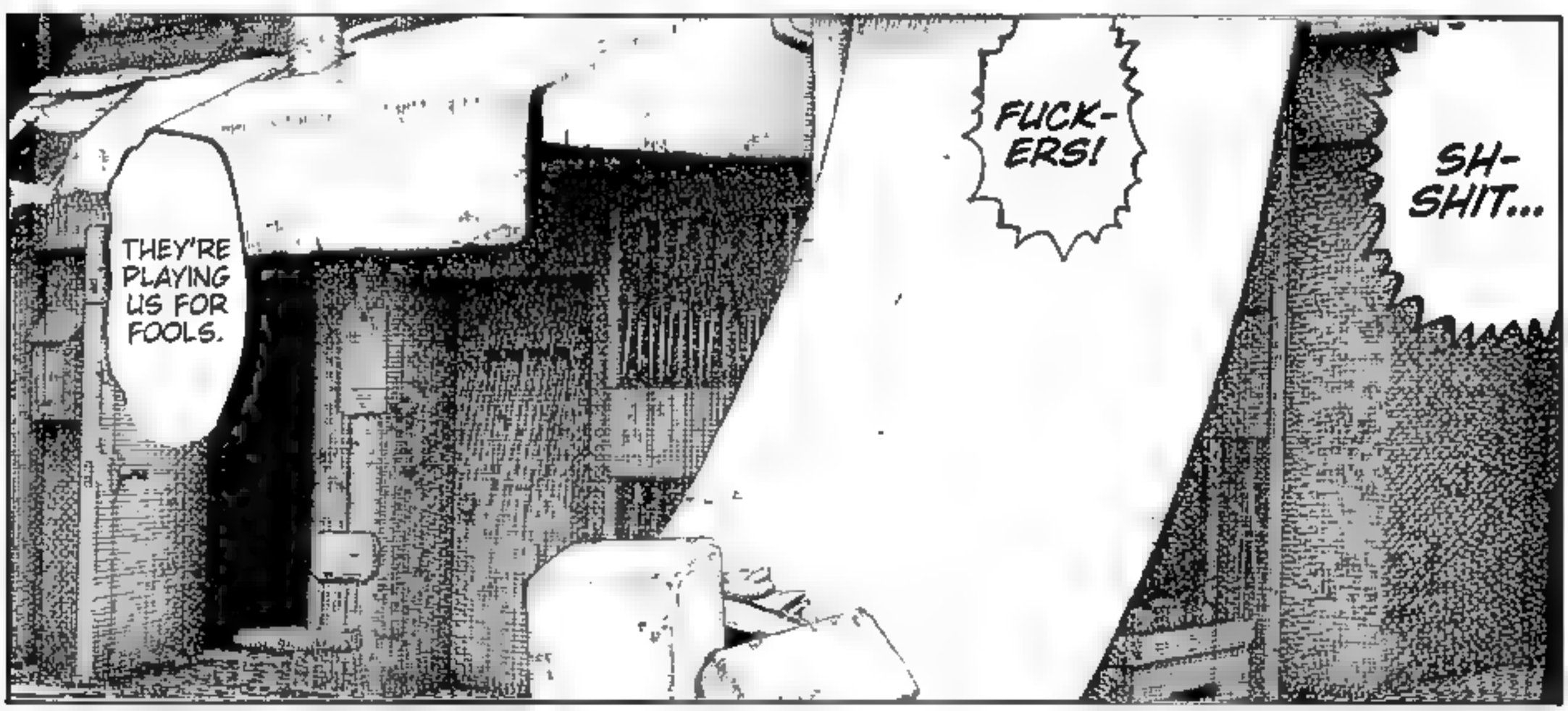
Eeeek! Eeek!
...HM?
POP
THAT WAS A WARN-ING.
SHOCK
OH.

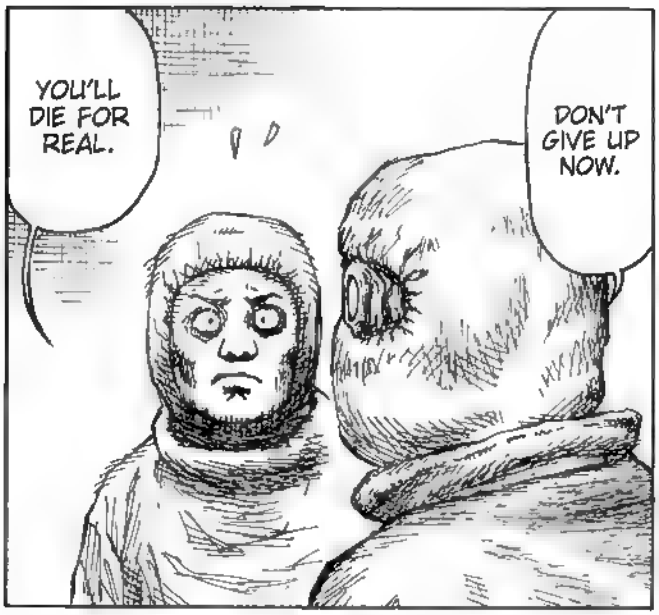

THEY'RE PLAYING WITH HIM.
SHUDDER

SILENCE

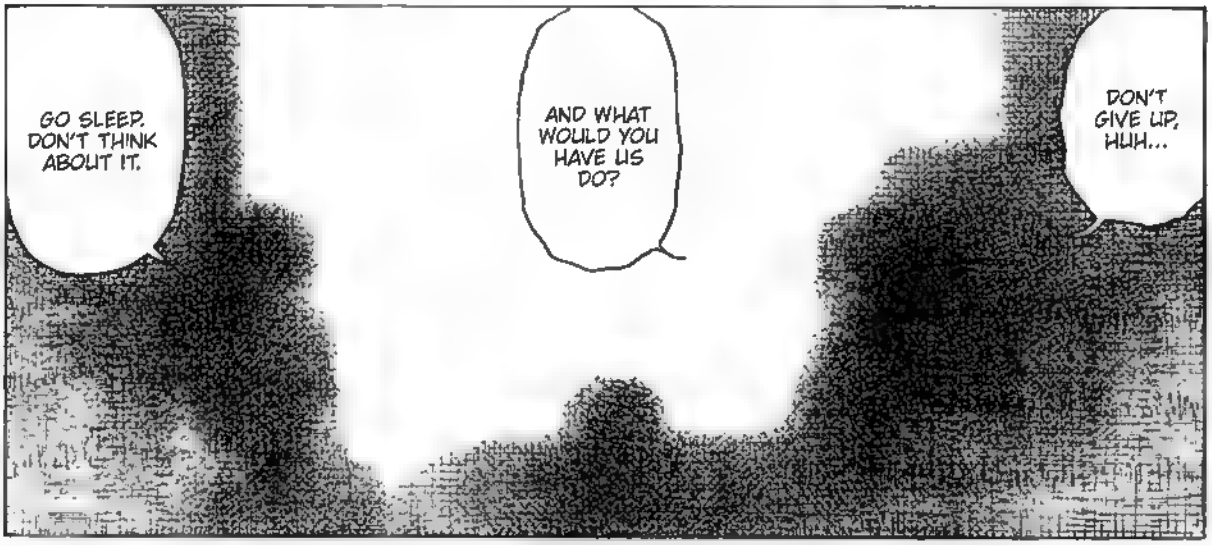
BANG

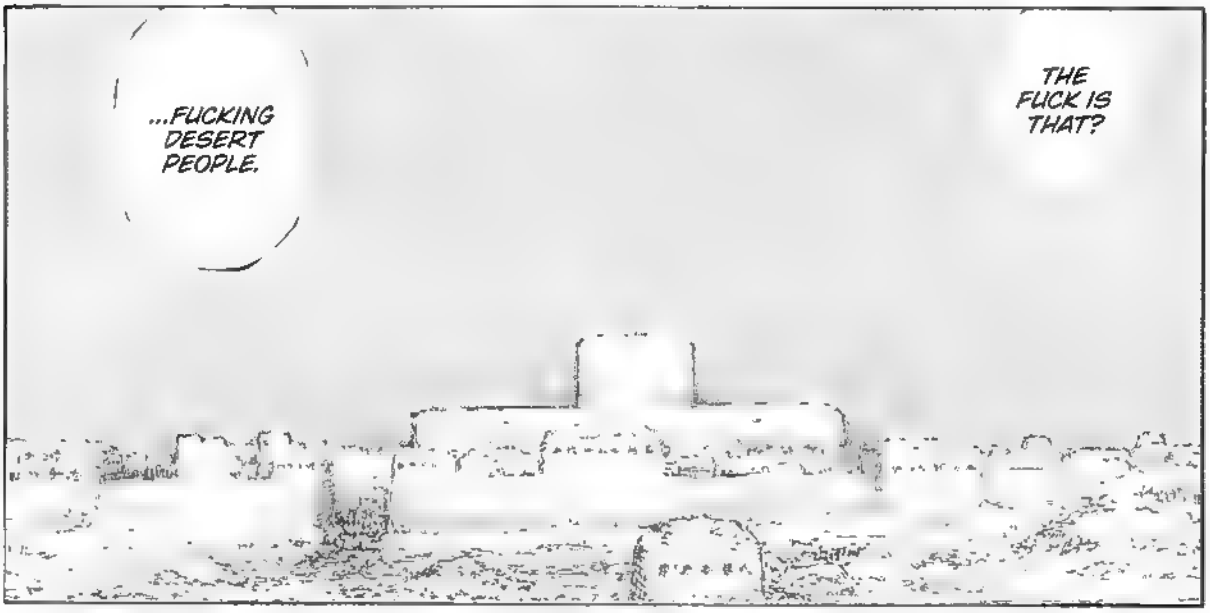
I TOLD YOU BEFORE, THEY'RE GONNA KILL US ALL.
THEY AREN'T ACCEPTING SURRENDER.


THEY'RE PLAYING US FOR FOOLS.
FUCK-ERS!
SH-SHIT...


YOU'LL DIE FOR REAL.
DON'T GIVE UP NOW.

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE HERE...
THIS IS IT...


GO SLEEP. DON'T THINK ABOUT IT.
AND WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO?
DON'T GIVE UP, HUH...


...FUCKING DESERT PEOPLE.
THE FUCK IS THAT?

DAY 28 OF THE D-3 OCCUPATION:

OUR NUMBERS ARE DOWN TO A THIRD.

WHILE THERE ARE STILL A HUNDRED OR SO SURVIVORS,

ONLY 26 OF THEM FROM SQUAD TWO CAN DO THEIR JOB PROPERLY.

THE REST ARE AS USEFUL AS THE DEAD BODIES.

SQUAD TWO IS PURELY MADE UP OF THE DESERT PEOPLE.

THEY ARE A SPECIAL SQUAD WHOSE MAIN TASK IS RECONNAISSANCE.

BUT THEIR SURVIVAL KNOWLEDGE AND ENDURANCE ARE OFF THE CHARTS.

THEY MIGHT BE DIS-CRIMINATED AGAINST,

THE DESERT PEOPLE ARE FULL OF SAVAGES AND WEIRDOS.

...FOR THE WATER FROM THE POLLUTED WELL,

TAKE CAUTION WHEN YOU DRINK.

WE AREN'T ABLE TO PURIFY THE WATER COM-PLETELY.

THEY EVEN MANAGED TO PUT TOGETH-ER A FILTER WITH WHAT WAS LYING AROUND...

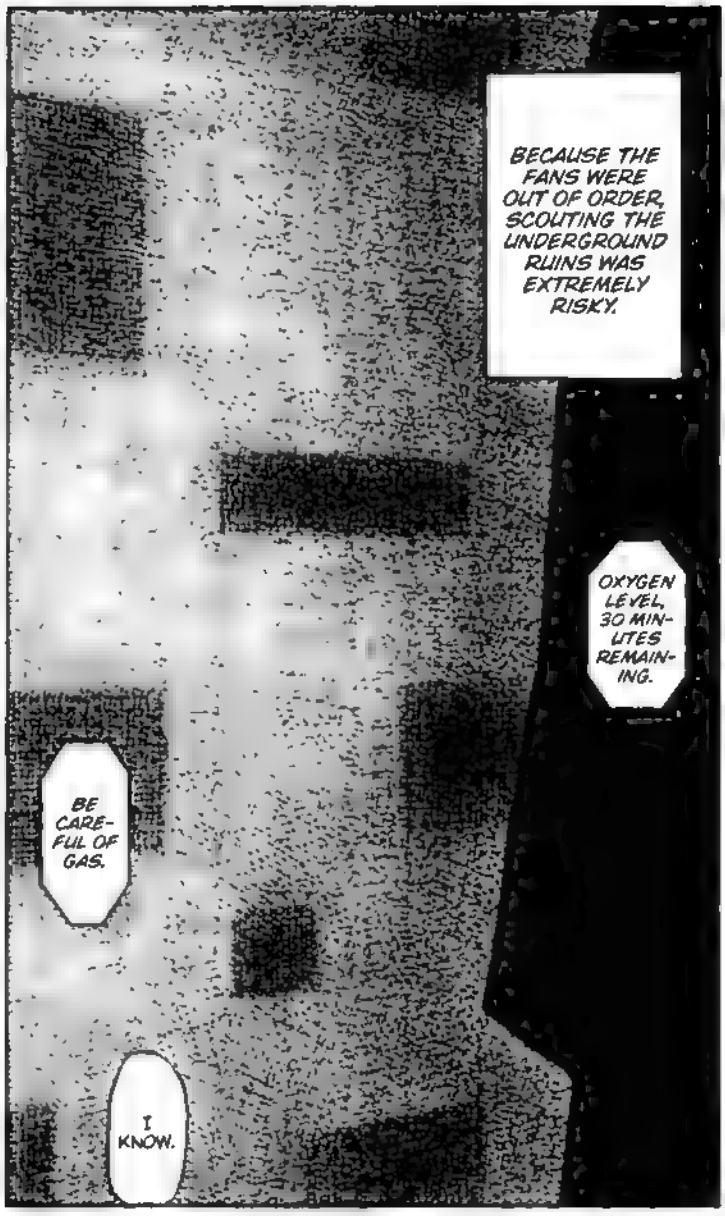
AND SOMEHOW MADE IT DRINKABLE.

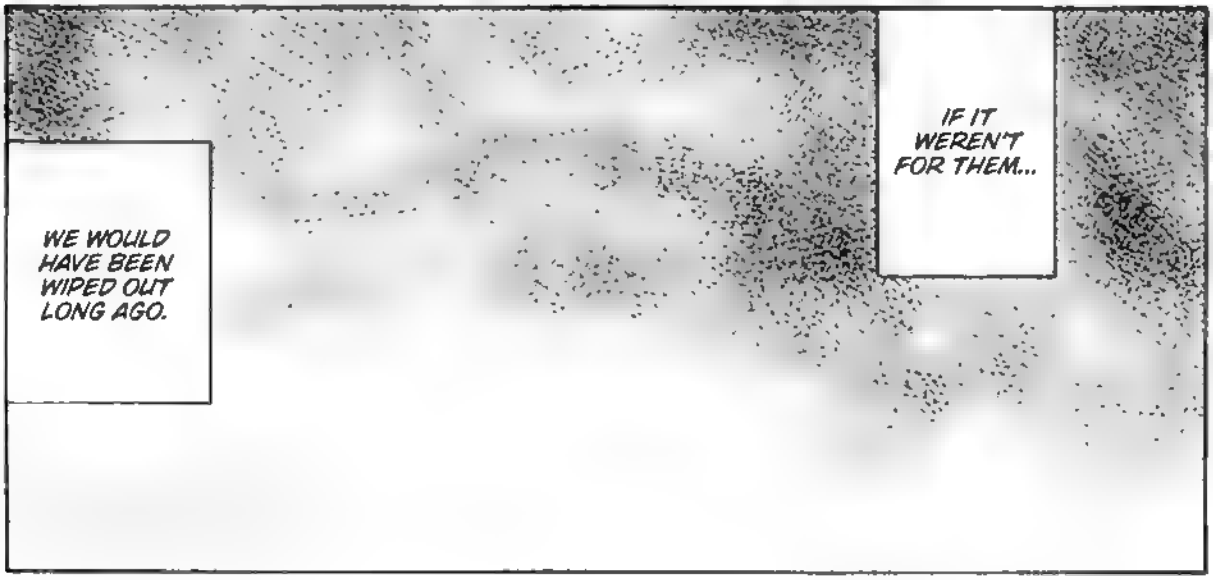
Each person gets 200ml per day.

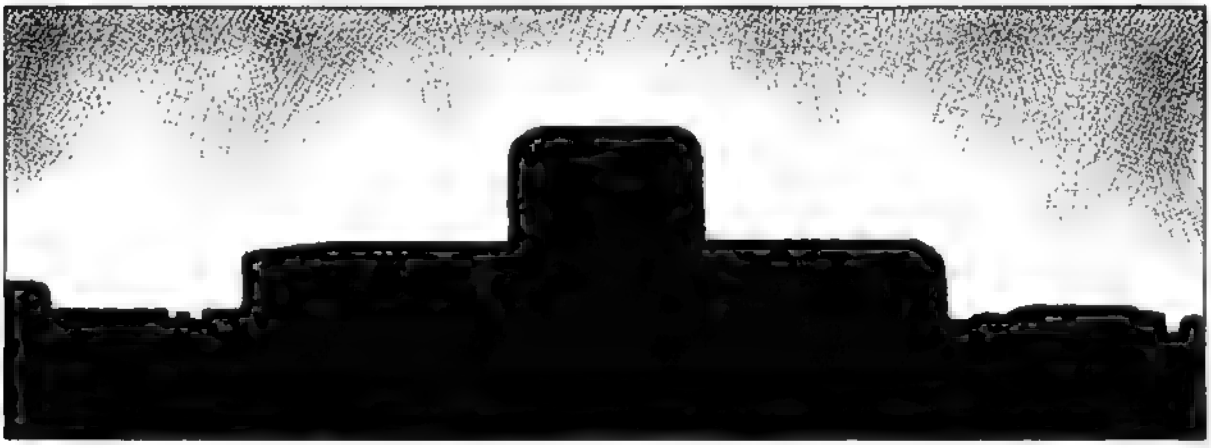
Nice one, squad two.

Thanks a lot

BUT EVENTUALLY, USEFUL MATERIALS, SUCH AS MOSS AND ROCK SALT, THAT COULD BE MADE INTO MEDICINE, WERE FOUND AND HARVESTED.


BECAUSE THE FANS WERE OUT OF ORDER, SCOUTING THE UNDERGROUND RUINS WAS EXTREMELY RISKY.
OXYGEN LEVEL, 30 MINUTES REMAINING.
BE CAREFUL OF GAS.
I KNOW.


IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEM...
WE WOULD HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT LONG AGO.



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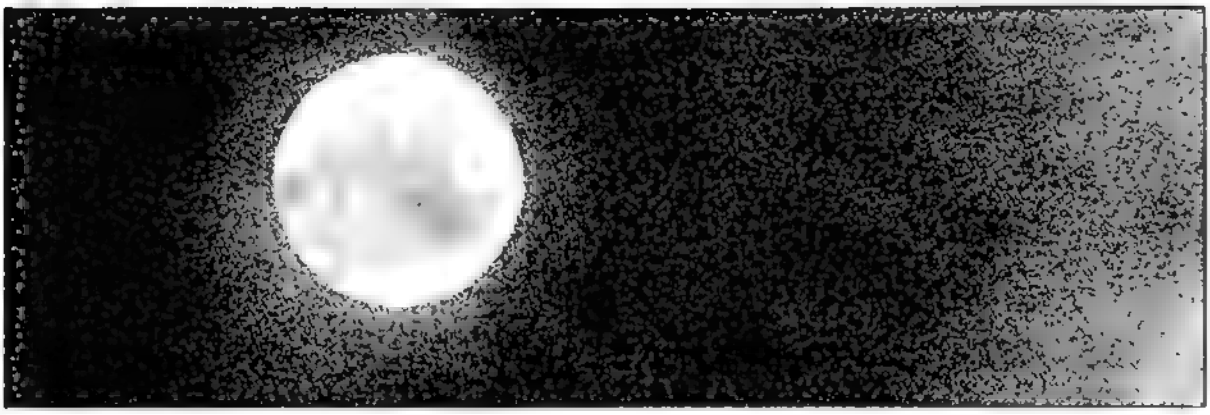

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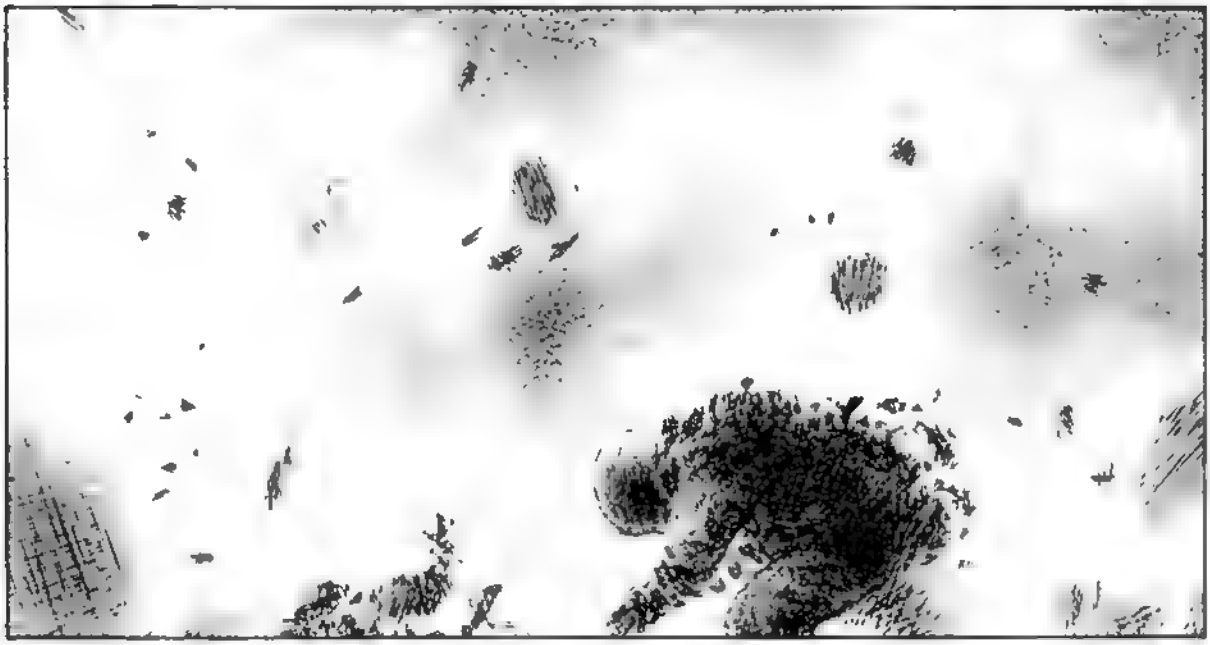

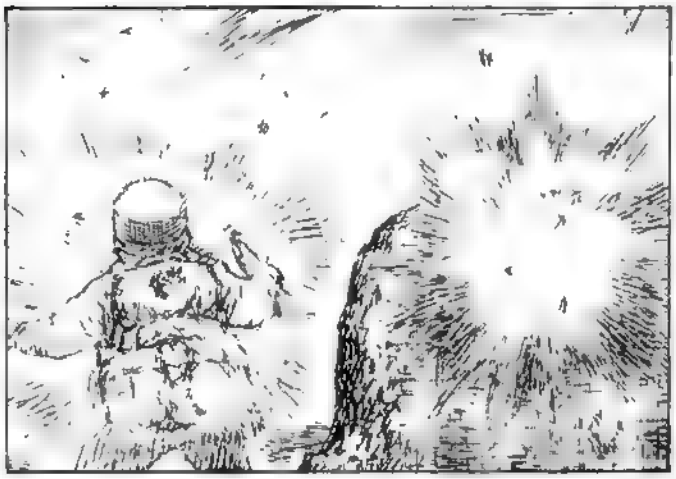

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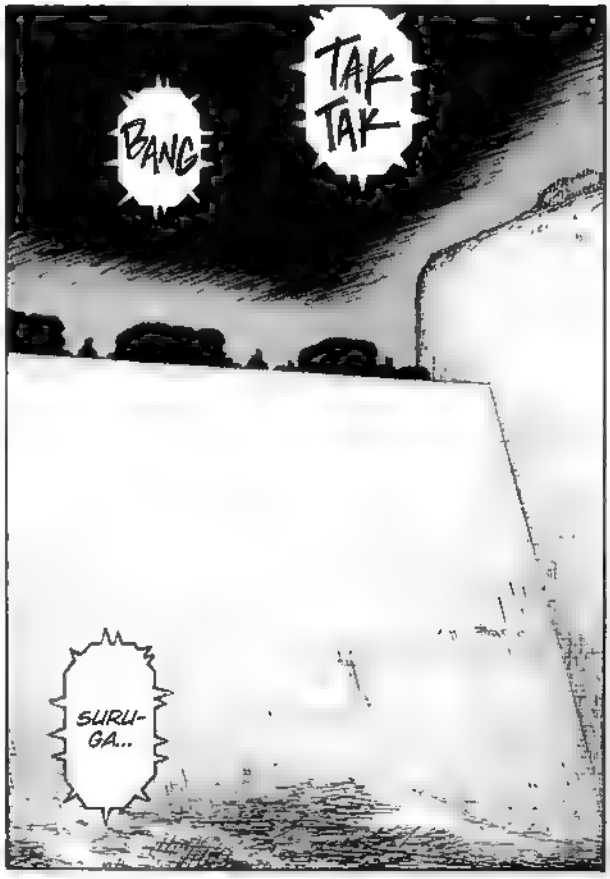
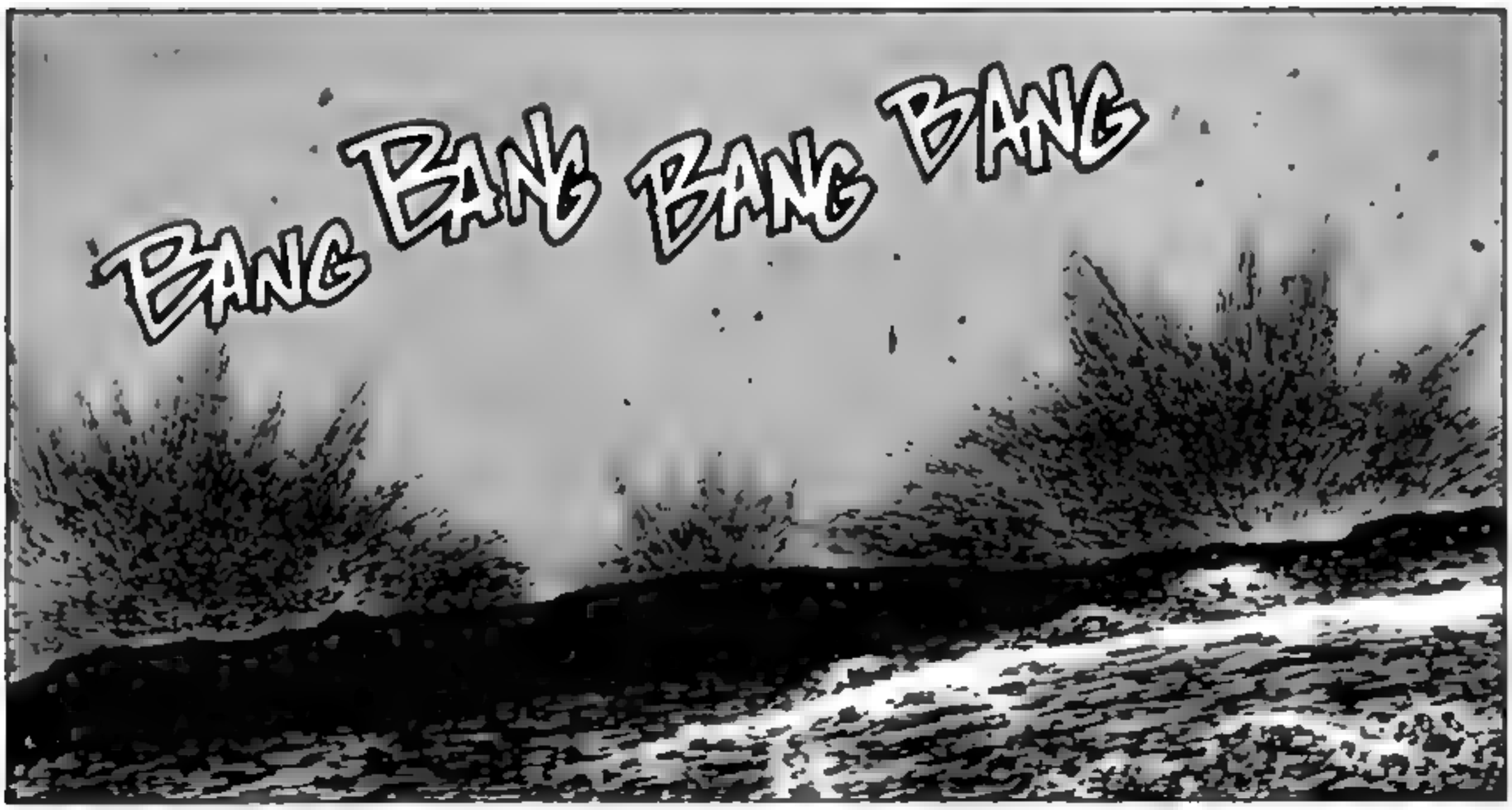
BOOM
DA TA TA TA
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BZZ ZZ
ZZ.

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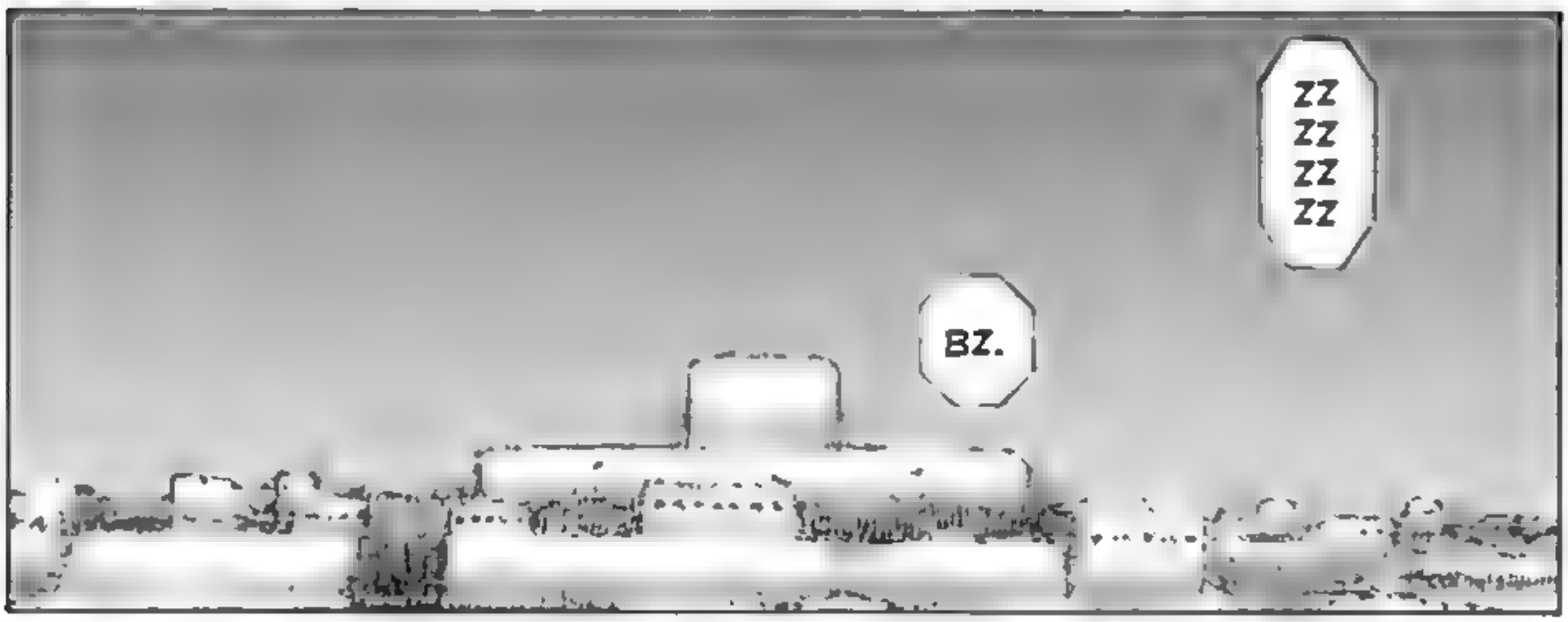
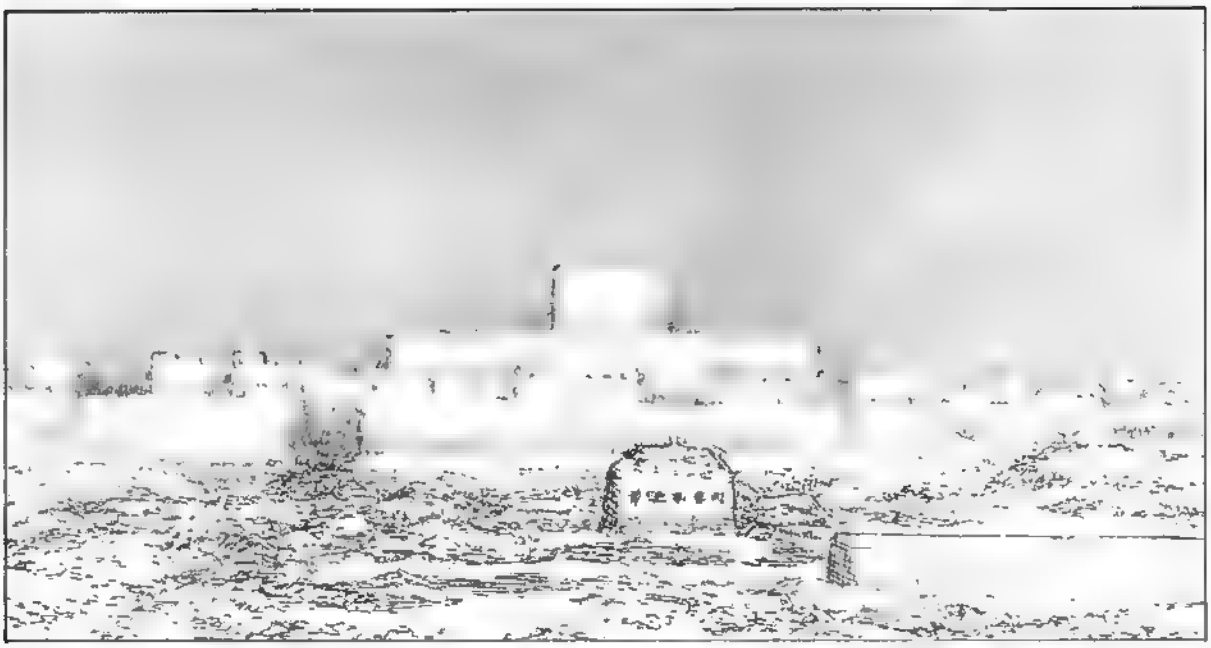
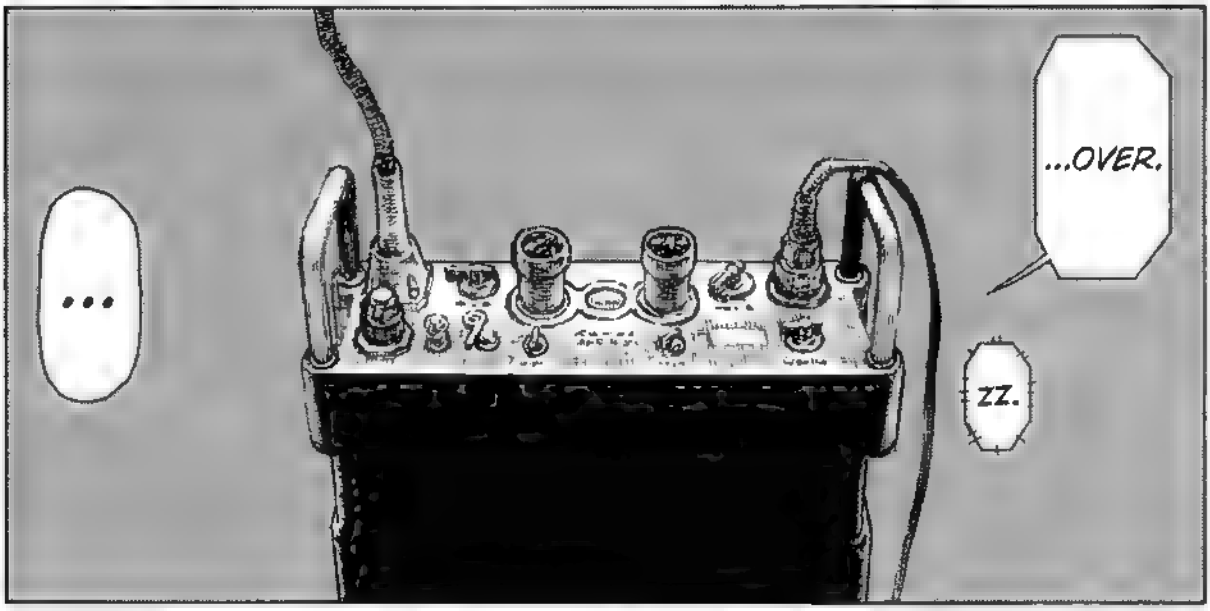

ZZ ZZ ZZ ZZ
BZ.

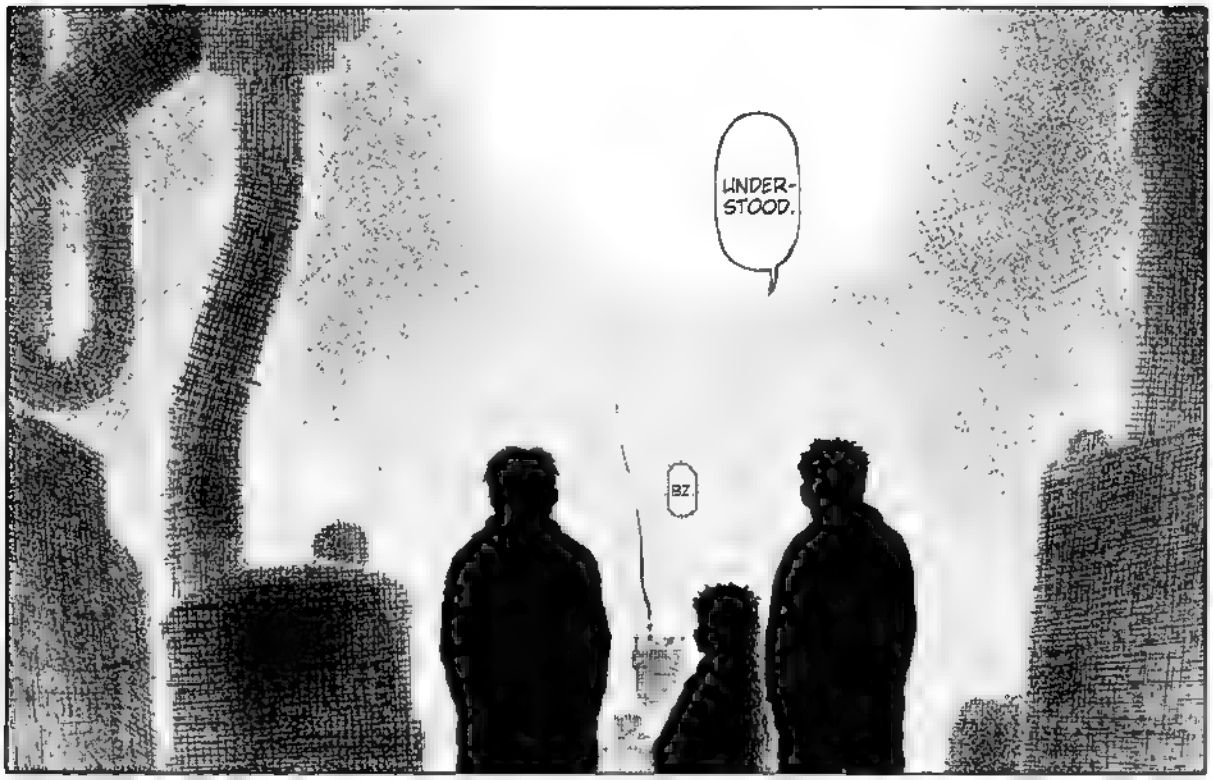
LIKE HELL WE'D LET THEM WIPE US OUT EVERY TIME.
THIS IS OUR FIFTH RECON SQUAD, DAMMIT.
OH NO, THEY GOT AWAY FINE.
IT'S NO GOOD, IS IT?
...SHIT.
They'd have to be a special kind of stupid if they get done in

BANG



ON HEADBANDS: SOUTH




UNDER-STOOD.
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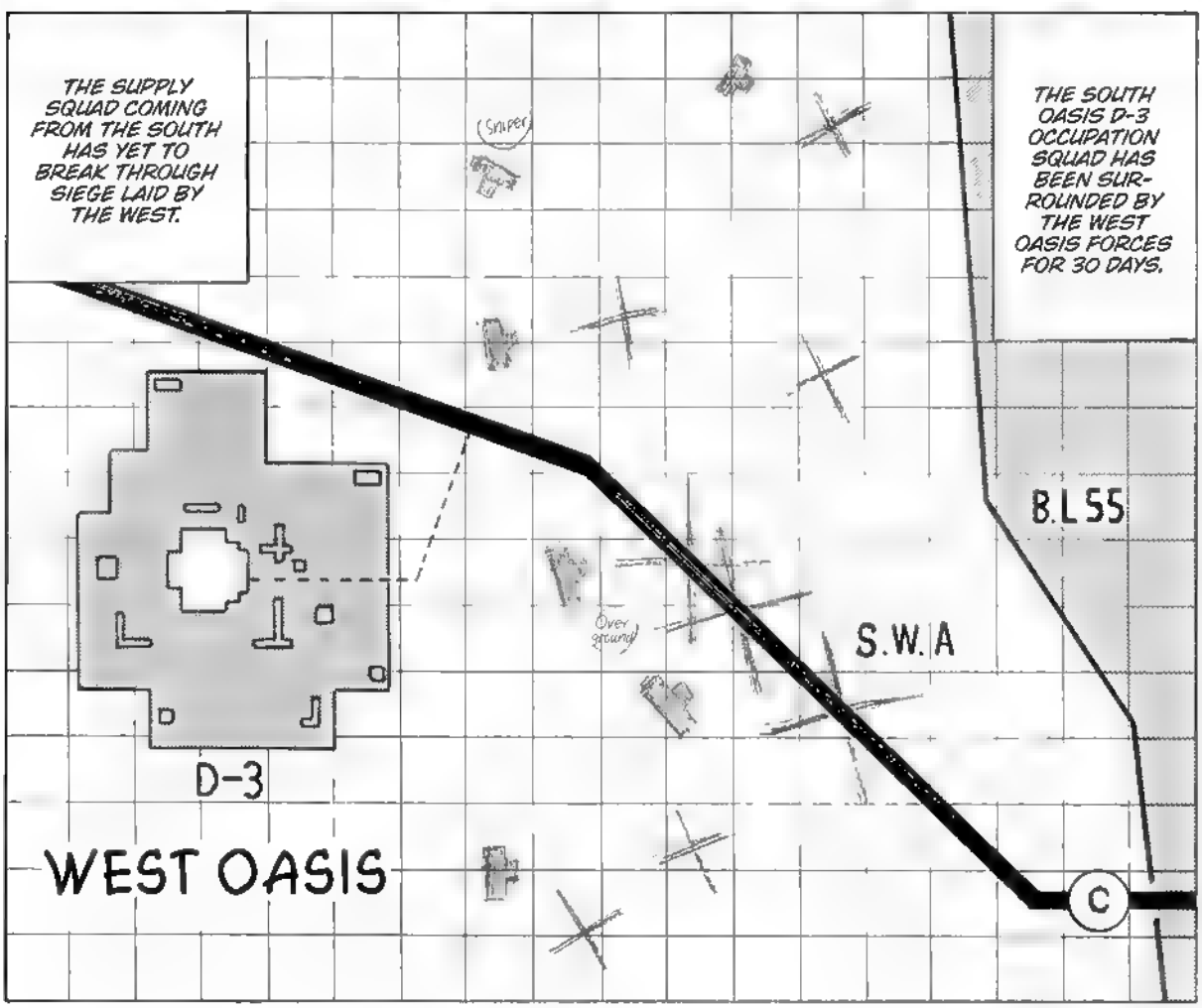

THE SUPPLY SQUAD COMING FROM THE SOUTH HAS YET TO BREAK THROUGH SIEGE LAID BY THE WEST.
THE SOUTH OASIS D-3 OCCUPATION SQUAD HAS BEEN SUR-ROUNDED BY THE WEST OASIS FORCES FOR 30 DAYS.
(Sniper)
(Over ground)
B.L55
S.W.A
D-3
WEST OASIS
C

THIS WAS NOT MERELY A HASTY ATTEMPT AT A MAKESHIFT BASE IN RESPONSE TO THE FALL OF D-3.

Illustration of the underground tunnel

THE TUNNEL USED BY THE ENEMY WAS A LARGE CONVERTED UNDERGROUND RUIN THAT RAN STURDY AND DEEP.

THERE WAS NO DENYING THIS WAS A TRAP SET UP BY THE WEST.

AND WITH ALL THINGS CONSIDERED,

THIS WAS LIKELY PREPARED WELL IN ADVANCE.

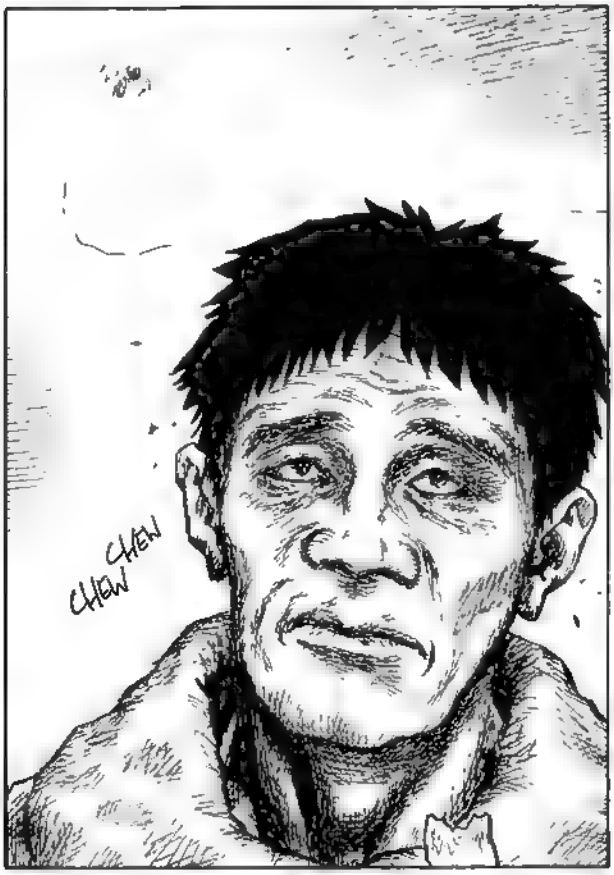
THERE'D BE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND TIME REQUIRED.

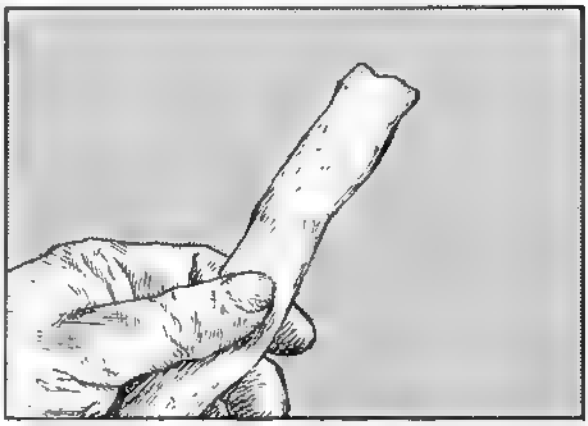
THOUGH BREAKING OUT OF THE SIEGE WAS POSSIBLE,

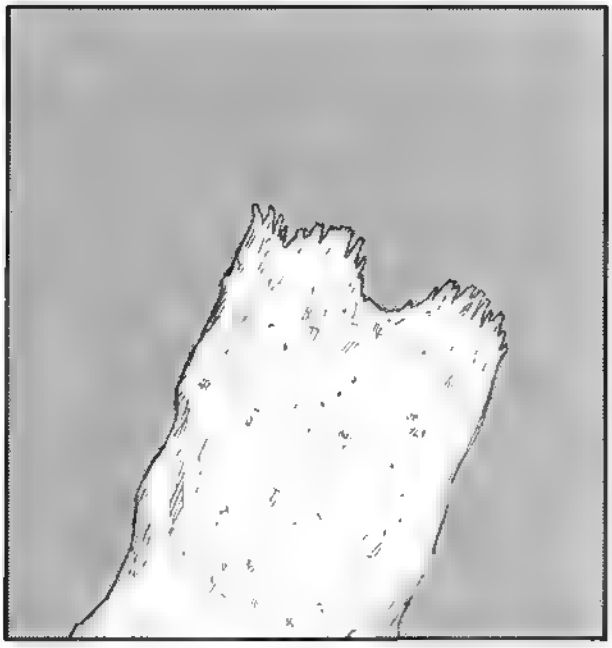
TIME WAS NOT ON THE SIDE OF THE D-3 OCCUPATION SQUAD.

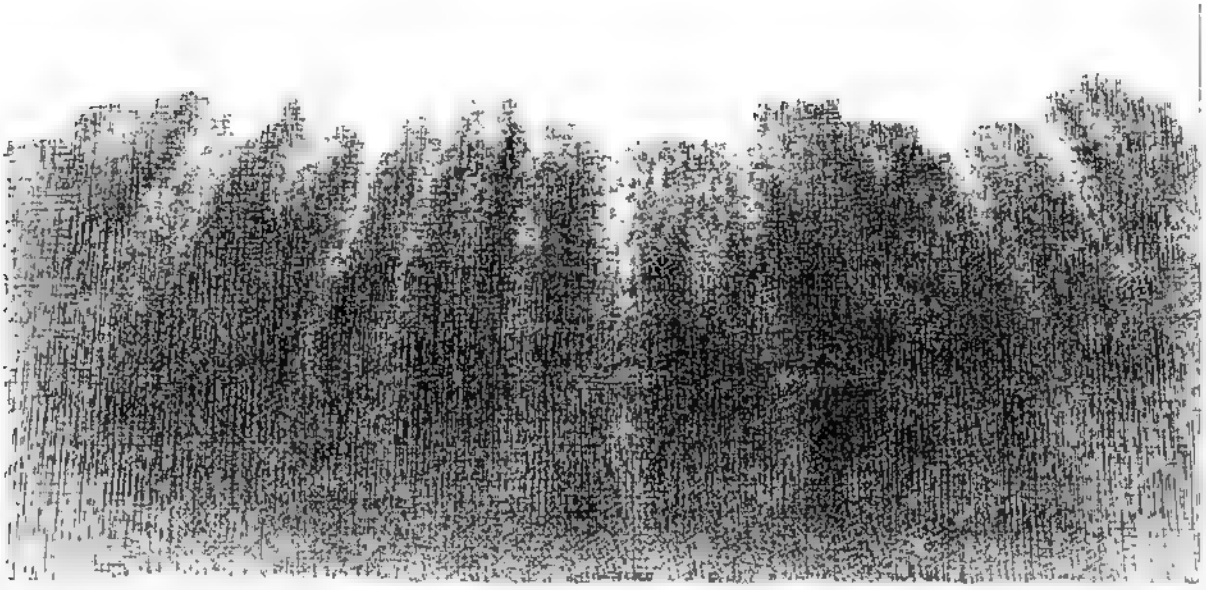
HOWEVER,

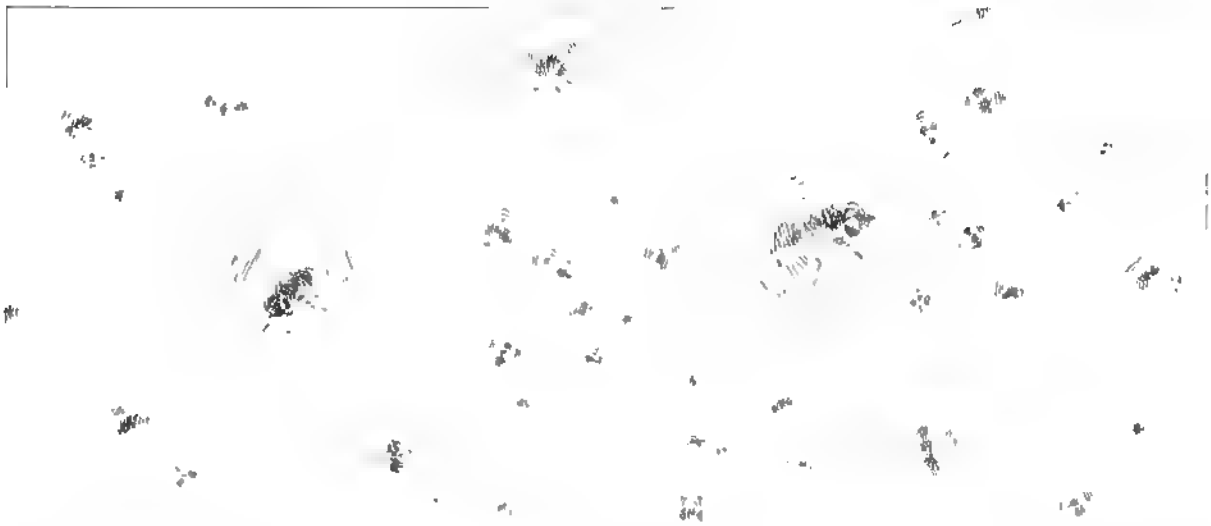
THE SOUTH OASIS NEW GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED TO MAKE AN AGONIZING DECISION.

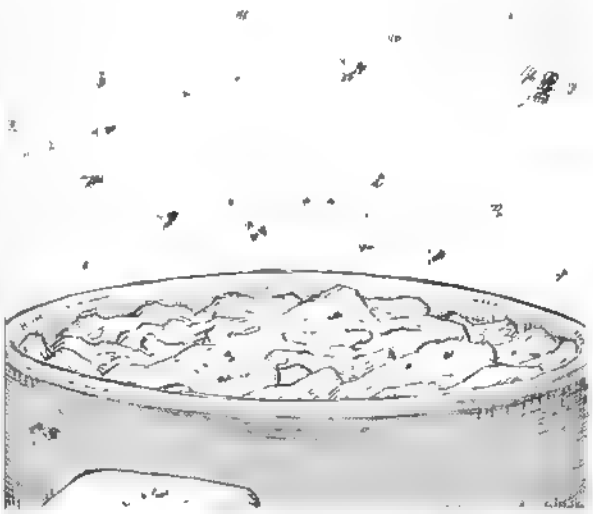


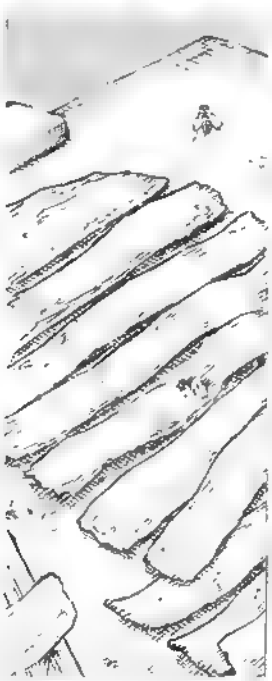












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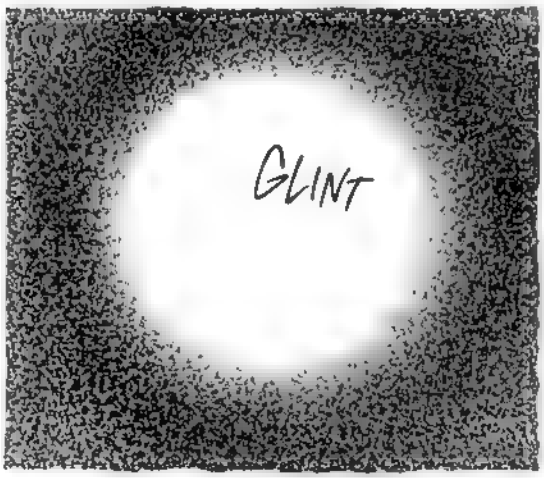
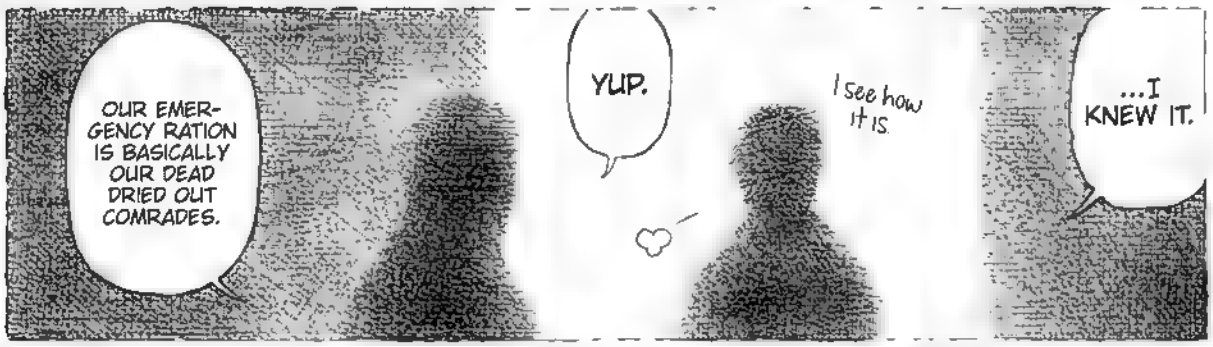

GLINT

BANG
SNAP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

I got lost
OH... SORRY.
THIS PLACE IS OFF LIMITS FOR EVERYONE OUTSIDE OF SQUAD 2.
HEY...


OUR EMERGENCY RATION IS BASICALLY OUR DEAD DRIED OUT COMRADES.
YUP.
I see how it is.
...I KNEW IT.

TH-THAT'S NOT IT...
Hmph.
SO, YOU CAN'T EAT ANYMORE, CAN YA?

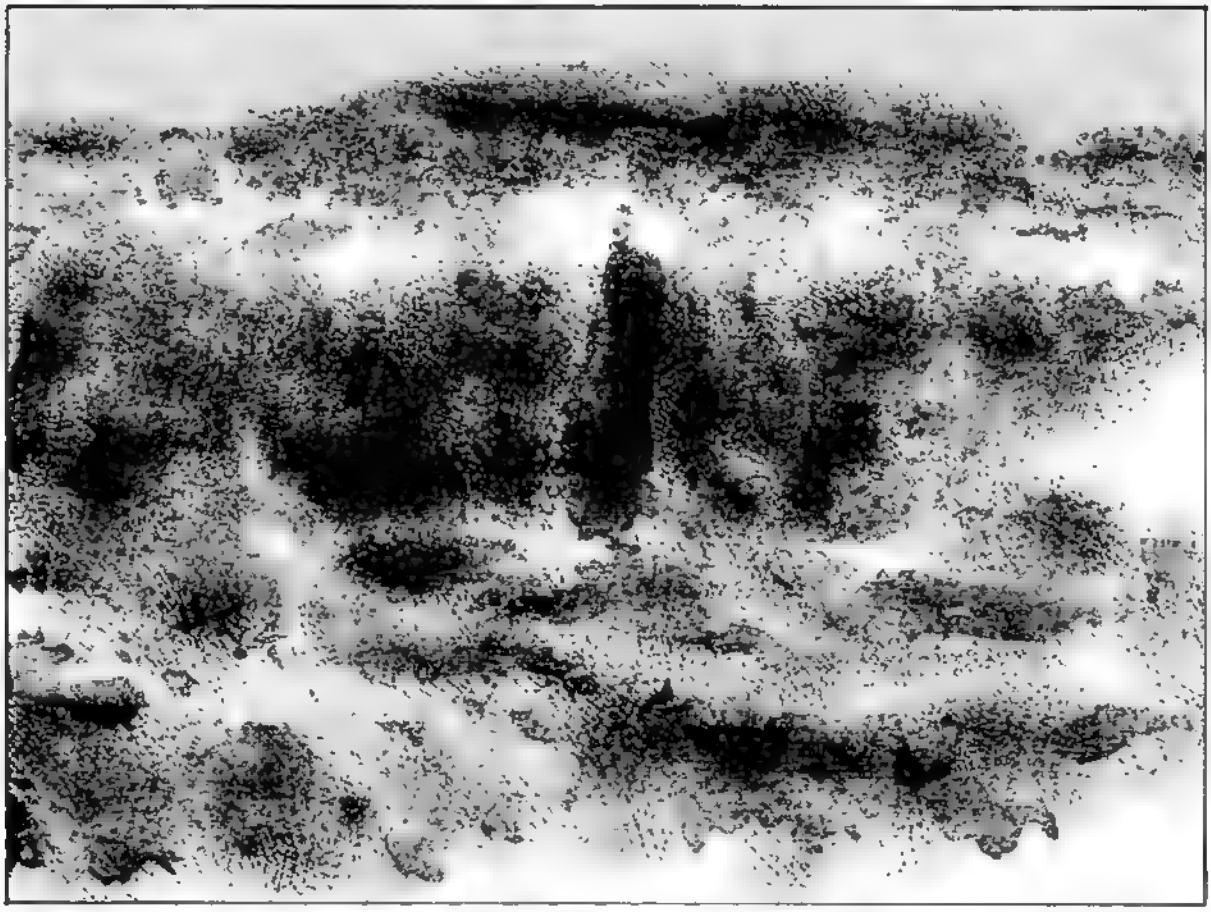
NOT AT ALL.
THIS AIN'T A BIG DEAL.
OUUEEEERGH
BUT WE KEPT ON EATING.
MOST OF US HAD A VAGUE IDEA ALREADY.
GRIPAT GRIPAT
CRUNCH CRUNCH.
EATING MAGGOTS FROM DEAD BODIES IS PRETTY MUCH LIKE EATING THE DEAD BODY ITSELF.
WE'D EAT THE MAGGOTS GROWING FROM DEAD BODIES.
WHEN MY FAMILY WAS ON THE VERGE OF STARVING TO DEATH,
IT'S BETTER THAN KICKING THE BUCKET.
EXACTLY, THIS AIN'T A BIG DEAL.

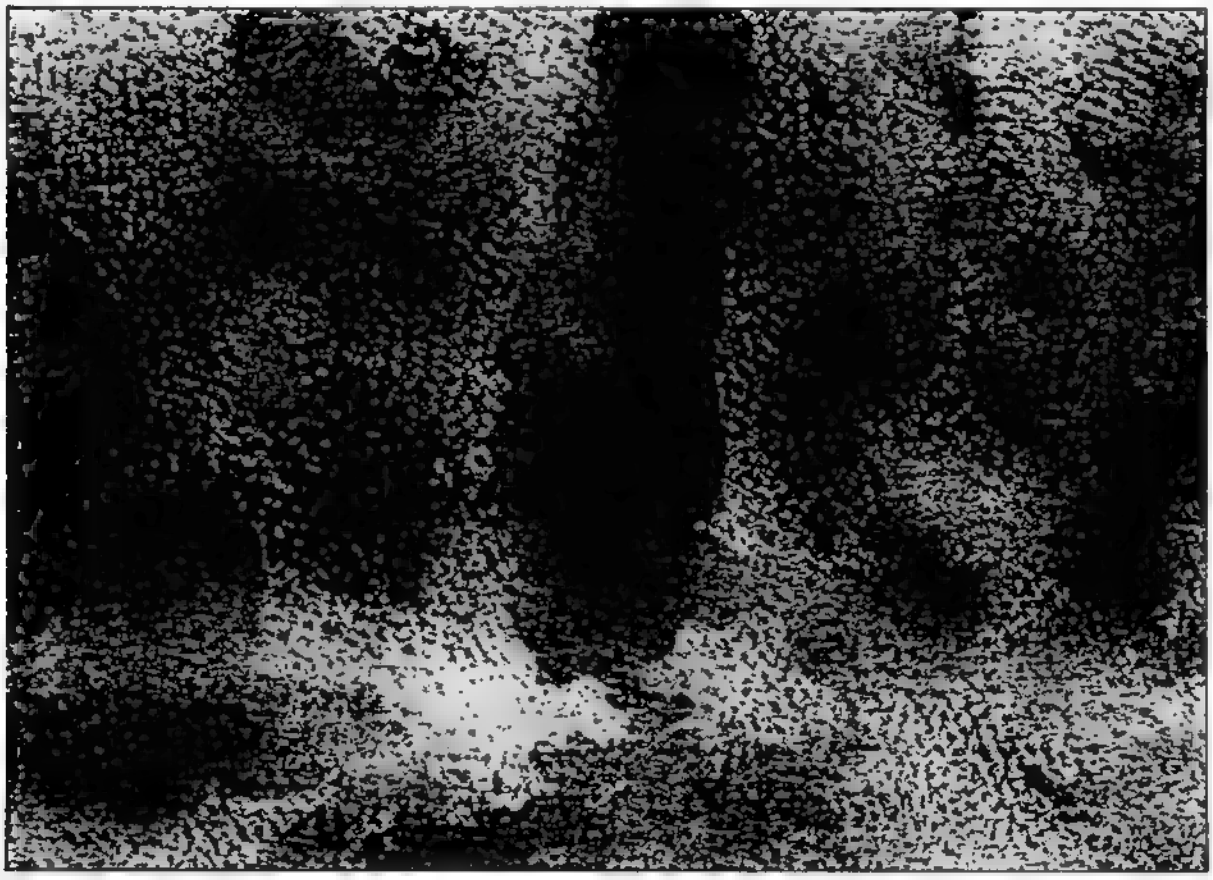
IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET EATEN,
KEEP EATING AND SURVIVE.
REMEMBER THIS— IF YOU DIE, YOU GET EATEN.

...

STILL, THIS IS FUCKED UP.
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
CHOMP

BATTLE PLAN?
I HEARD THEY HAVE SOME SORT OF BATTLE PLAN.
THEY'RE CALLING ALL SQUAD LEADERS TO GATHER AT THE HQ!
YO!





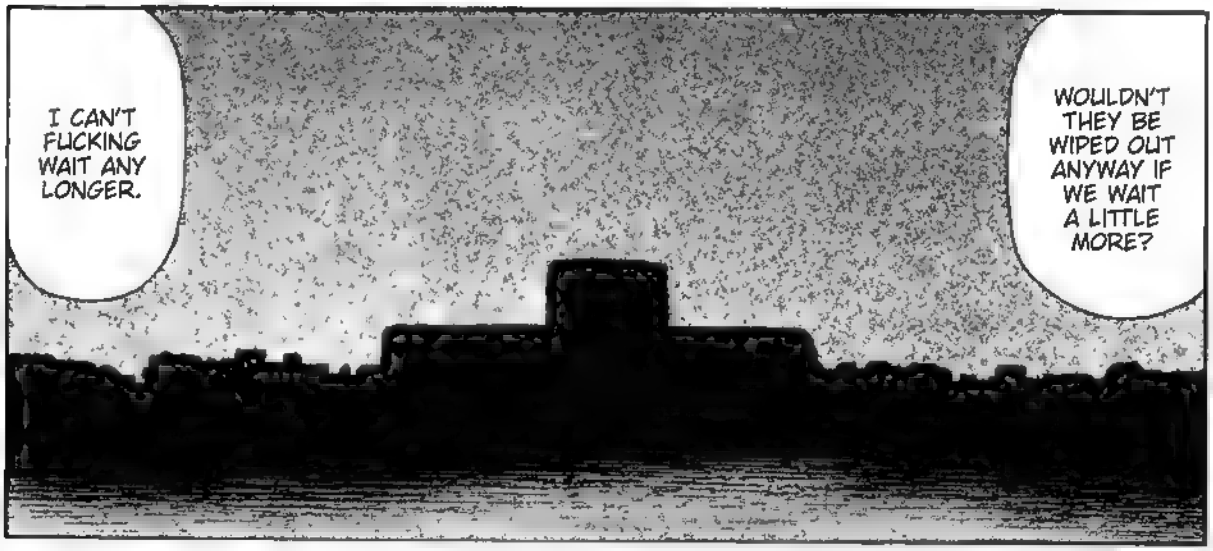
HUMPH
ZWOOP
West Oasis
Commander of the
Fifth Army
Mukai Tsutomu (21y.o.)

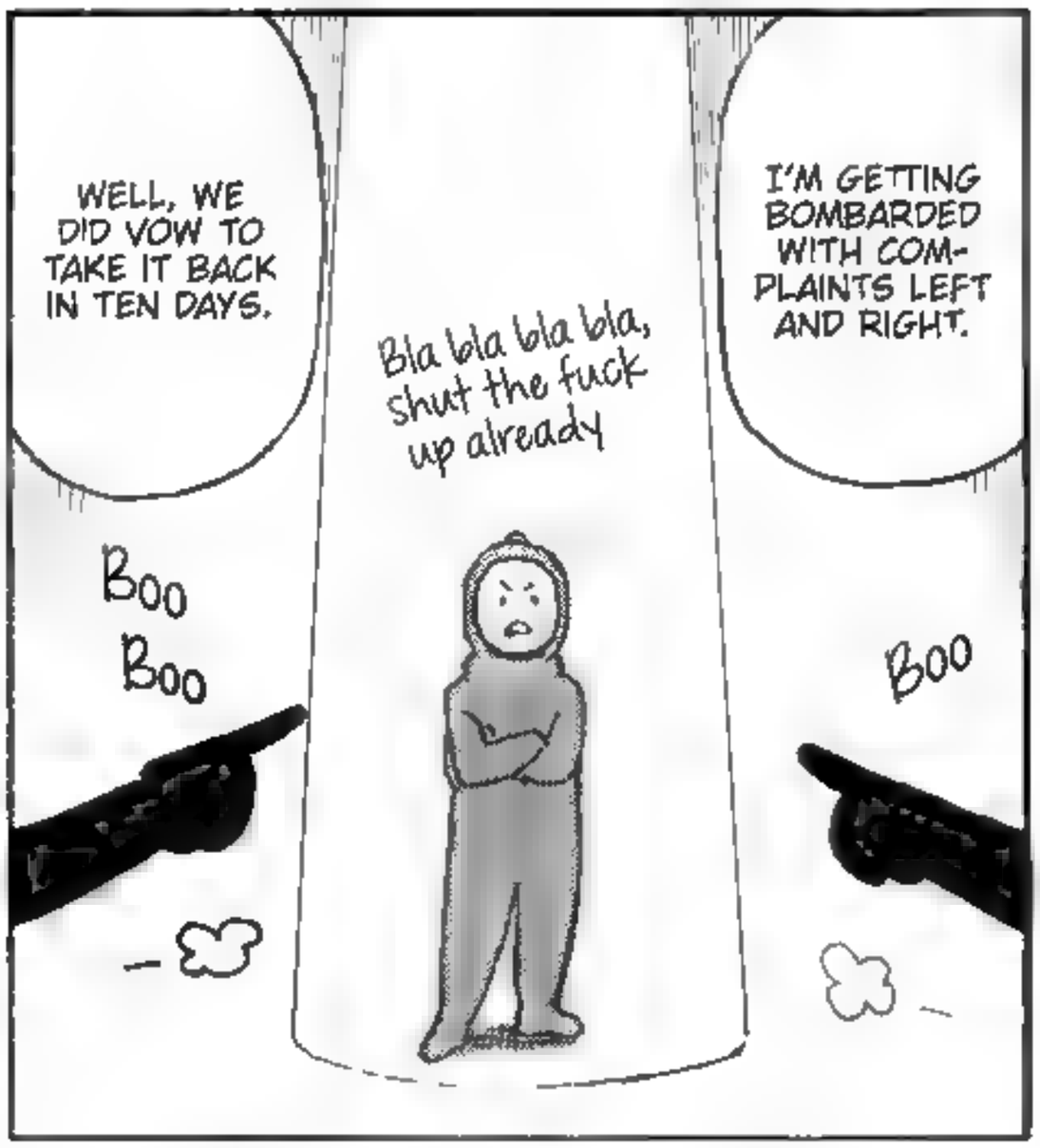
HMPH. THEY CAN SLURP ON TOXIC WATER ALL THEY WANT.
THEY'RE STILL AWFULLY RESILIENT AFTER 30 DAYS.

DAMN REBEL FILTH!
GRRR
C'MON, RAISE A COUP.
IT SEEMS LIKE HELL IN THERE.

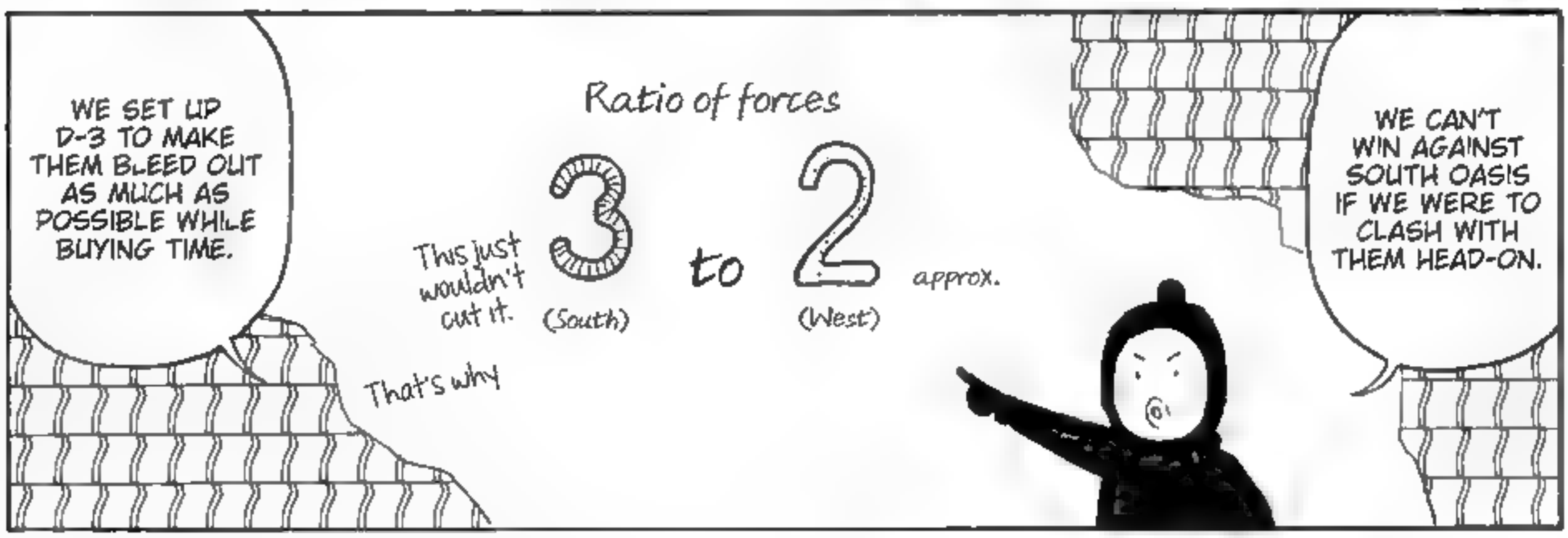
RIGHT HERE IN THE GREAT KANTO DESERT!
FUUUUCK!
I'LL HAVE YOU DIE A FUCKING MISERABLE DEATH,

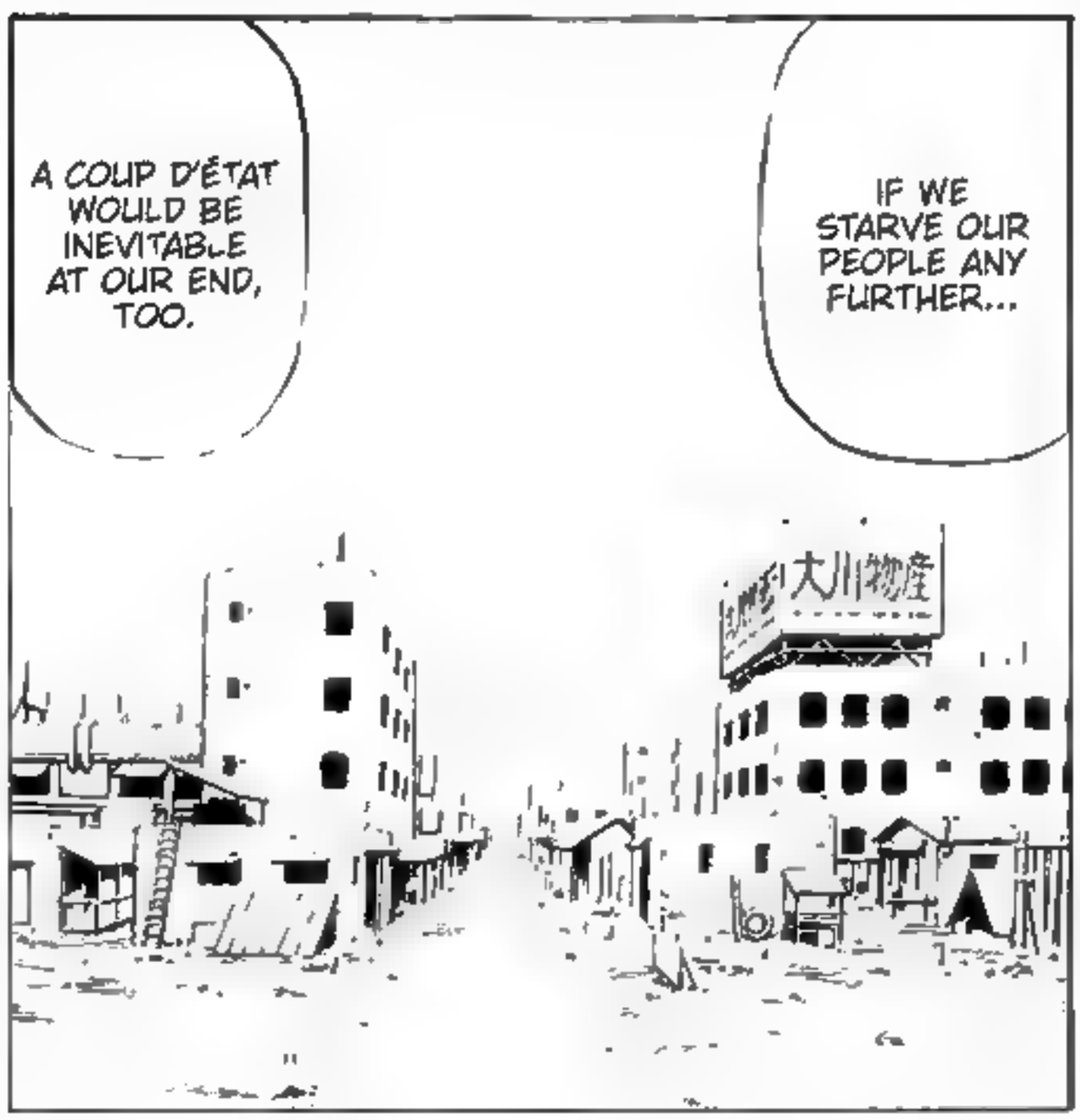
...HUH?
TIME TO FINISH THEM OFF.
Ahh...
...


I CAN'T FUCKING WAIT ANY LONGER.
WOULDN'T THEY BE WIPED OUT ANYWAY IF WE WAIT A LITTLE MORE?


WELL, WE DID VOW TO TAKE IT BACK IN TEN DAYS.
Bla bla bla bla, shut the fuck up already
I'M GETTING BOMBARDED WITH COMPLAINTS LEFT AND RIGHT.
Boo Boo
Boo

AH...
THE ACT OF USING D-3 AS A BAIT TO LURE THE ENEMY IN HAS BECOME A PROBLEM ITSELF.


WE SET UP D-3 TO MAKE THEM BLEED OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WHILE BUYING TIME.
Ratio of forces
This just wouldn't cut it.
3 (South)
to
2 (West)
approx.
That's why
WE CAN'T WIN AGAINST SOUTH OASIS IF WE WERE TO CLASH WITH THEM HEAD-ON.

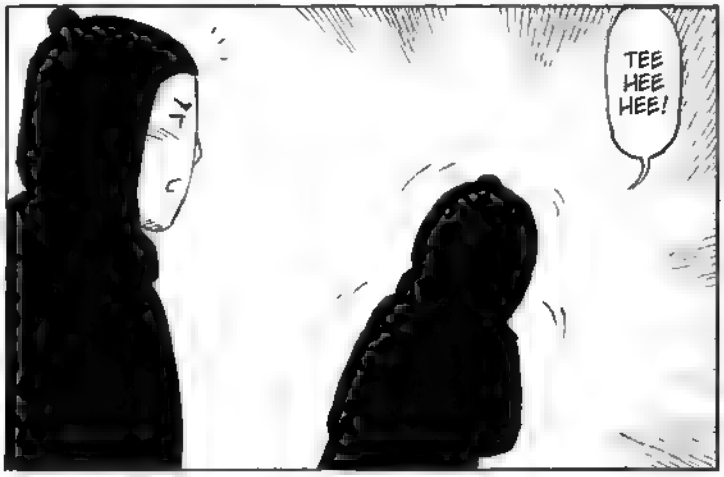

A COUP D'ÉTAT WOULD BE INEVITABLE AT OUR END, TOO.
IF WE STARVE OUR PEOPLE ANY FURTHER...
大川物産

CURENTLY THIS STRATEGY IS OUR BEST BET.
SO USING THIS OPPORTUNITY, WE COULD REORGANIZE OUR FORCES.
Twitch twitch
BUT I DON'T GET IT.

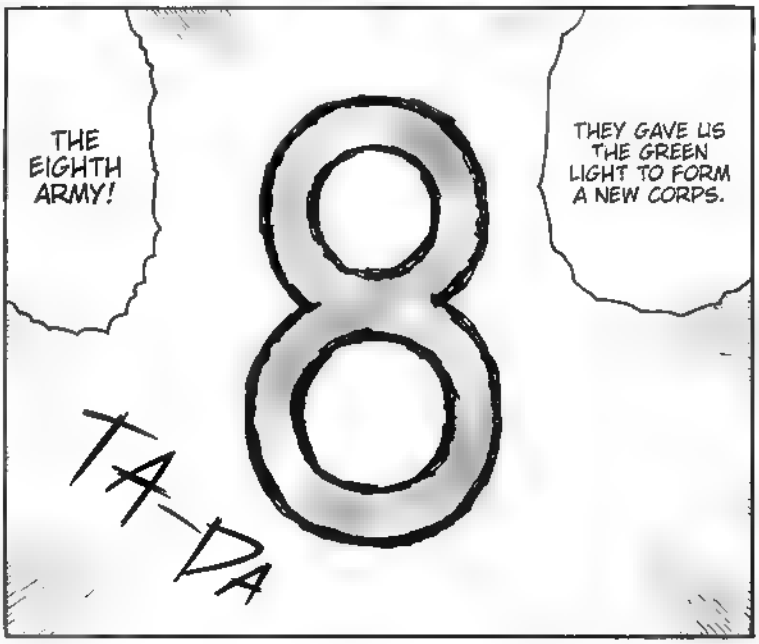
YOU SAY "FINISH THEM OFF," BUT RIGHT NOW OUR MAIN FORCES ARE...
AN-ANYWAYS, HOW WOULD YOU DO IT?
To be fair, we never had the forces for this to begin with..

SHOCK
Coup d'état..
GLARE

HUH?
WE MADE IT IN TIME.
CACKLE


TEE HEE HEE!

THIS AIN'T JUST ABOUT BUYING TIME.


THE EIGHTH ARMY!
8
TA-DA
THEY GAVE US THE GREEN LIGHT TO FORM A NEW CORPS.

NO WOR-RIES!
B-BUT, ARE YOU SURE THEY CAN HANDLE THE REAL THING RIGHT AWAY?

THE PLAN TO RECAPTURE D-3 WILL MOST CER-TAINLY BE THE EIGHTH ARMY'S DEBUT ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

PER-FECTLY DISPOS-ABLE.

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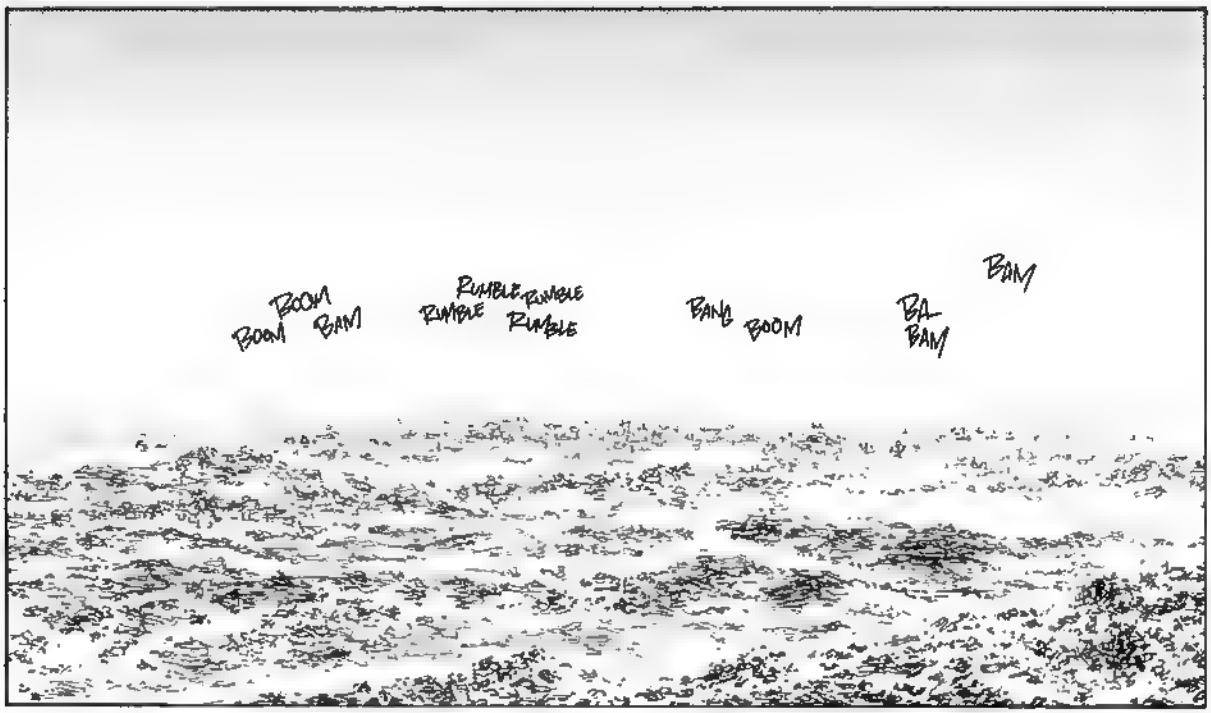
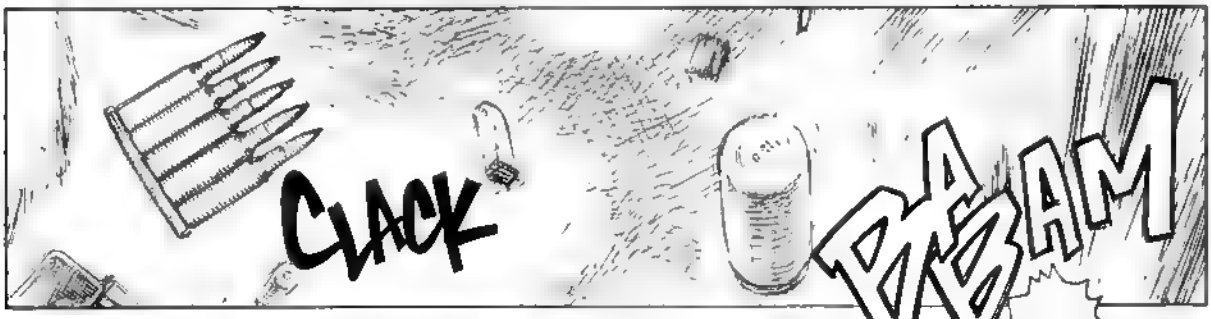

BOOM
BOOM BAM
RUMBLE RUMBLE
RUMBLE RUMBLE
BANG BOOM
BA BAM
BAM

KA BOOM

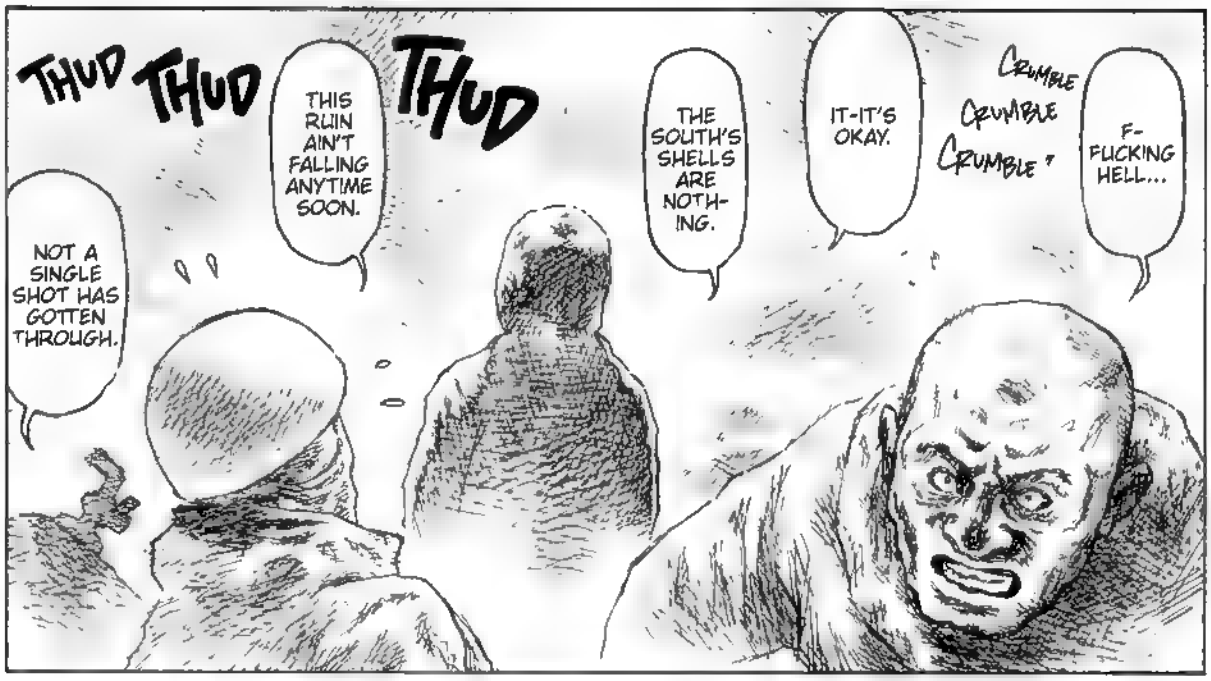
SSZHHHHH
PEEEEEW

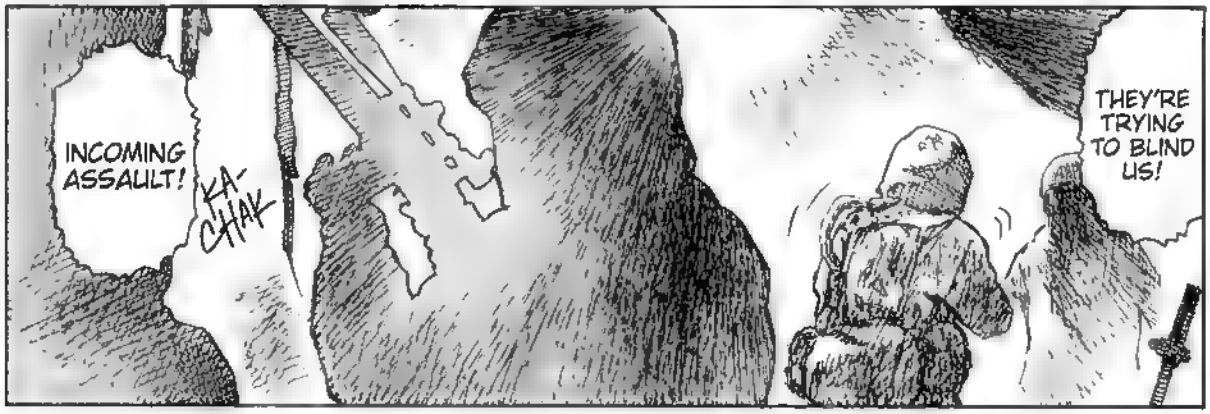
BANG BANG BANG BANG

BA
AAM

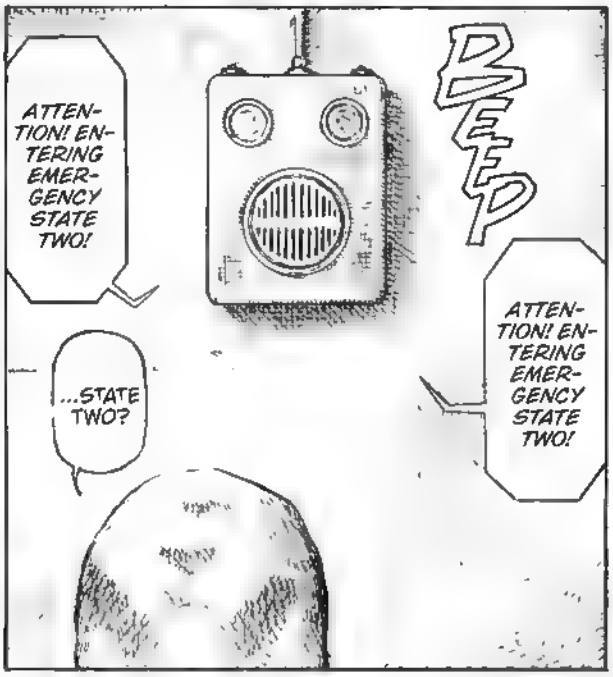

CLACK
BA
BAM

SHIT!
BANG
BOOM
KA
BAM
SHIT!


THUD THUD THUD
NOT A SINGLE SHOT HAS GOTTEN THROUGH.
THIS RUIN AIN'T FALLING ANYTIME SOON.
THE SOUTH'S SHELLS ARE NOTHING.
IT-IT'S OKAY.
CRUMBLE CRUMBLE CRUMBLE
F-FUCKING HELL...


INCOMING ASSAULT!
KA-CHAK
THEY'RE TRYING TO BLIND US!

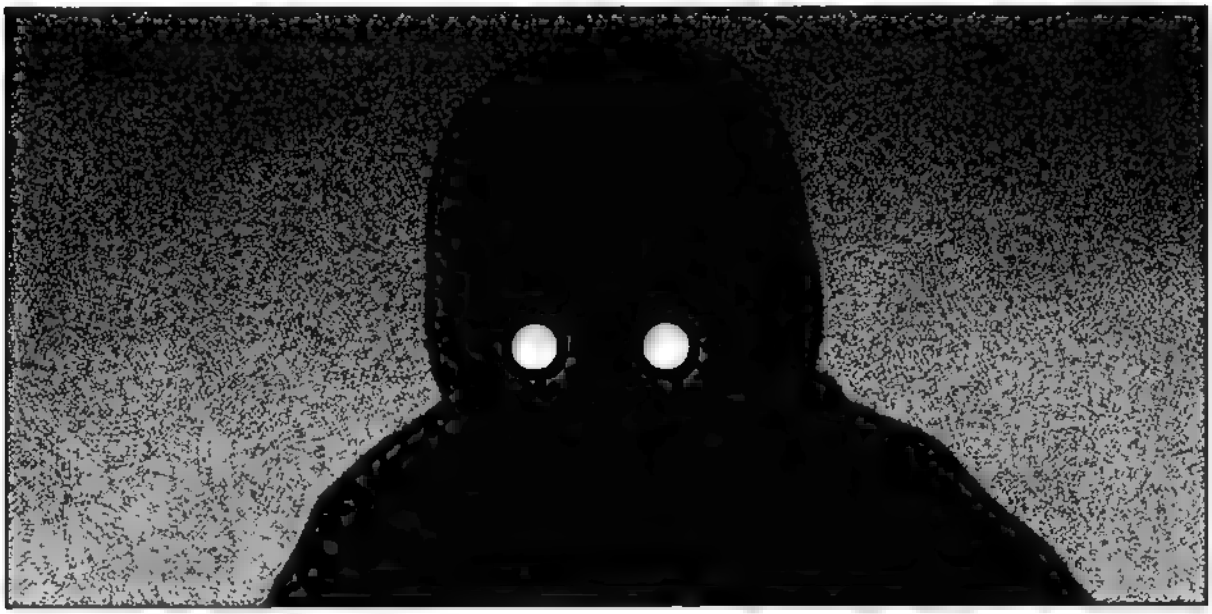
THEY SHOULD KNOW BETTER. THIS PLACE WON'T FALL JUST FROM SHELLING.
JUST AIR RAIDS?
...THEY AREN'T ATTACKING?
BONG
KACHA


ATTENTION! ENTERING EMERGENCY STATE TWO!
...STATE TWO?
BEEP
ATTENTION! ENTERING EMERGENCY STATE TWO!

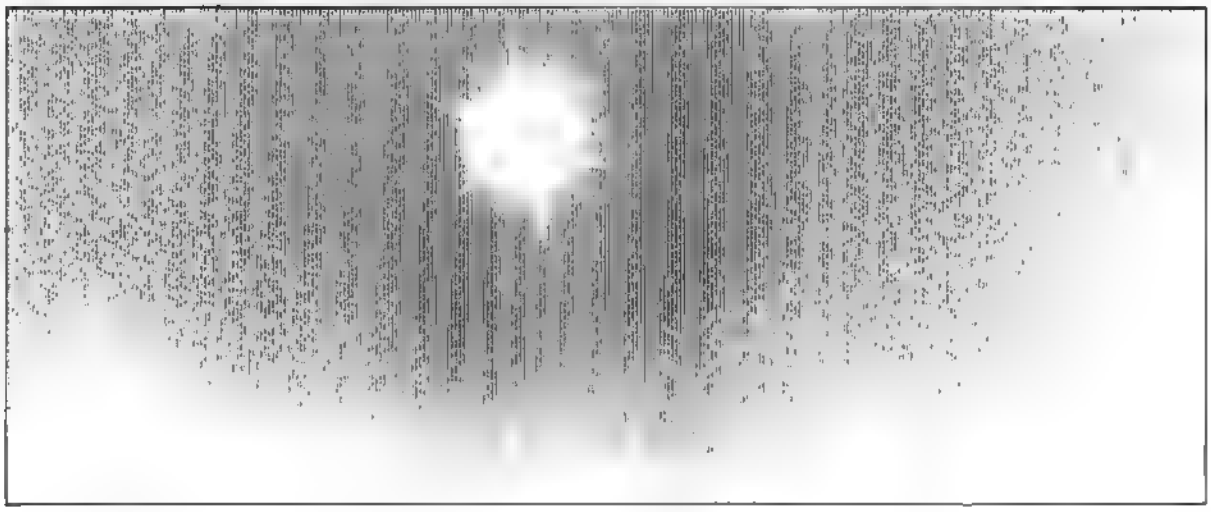
THIS AREA WE'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO IS WAY TOO BIG.
SIGH.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITH JUST THE FIVE OF US.

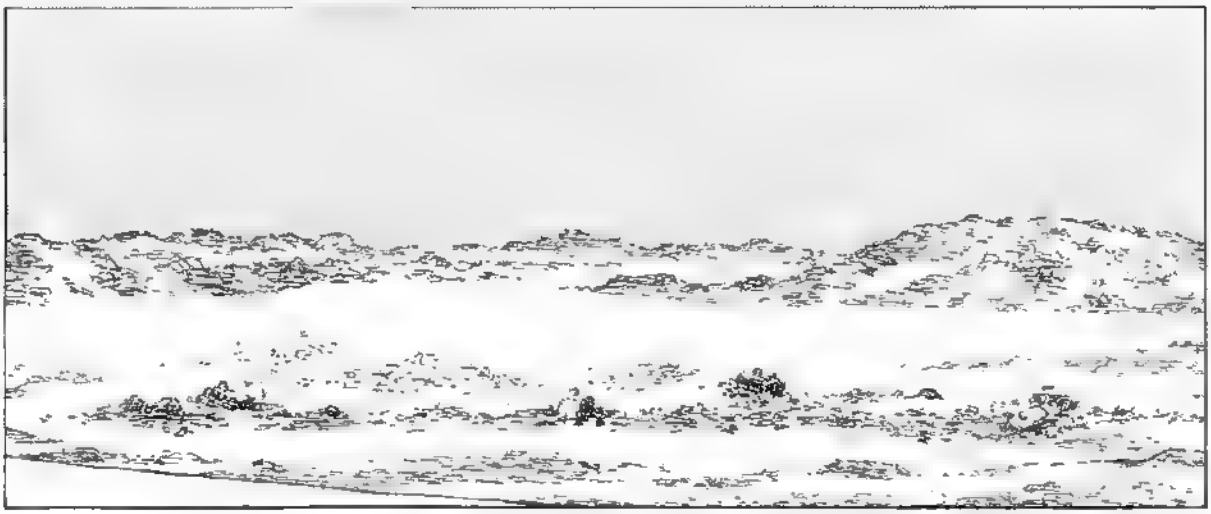
...UN-DER-STOOD.
ZZ.
NAMISAWA'S SQUAD WILL GO OUT AND INSPECT EACH OF THE SECURITY CAMERA DETECTORS.

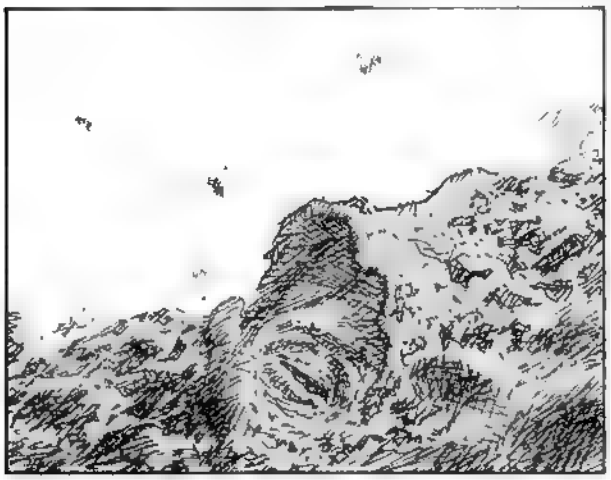
THEY HAVE NO CHOICE.
THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH OF US LEFT.

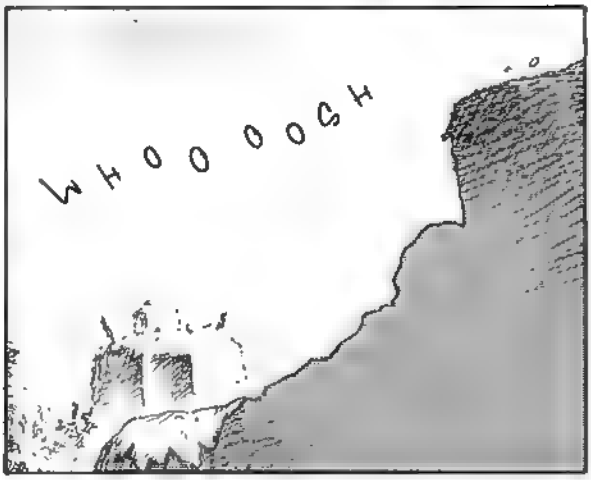


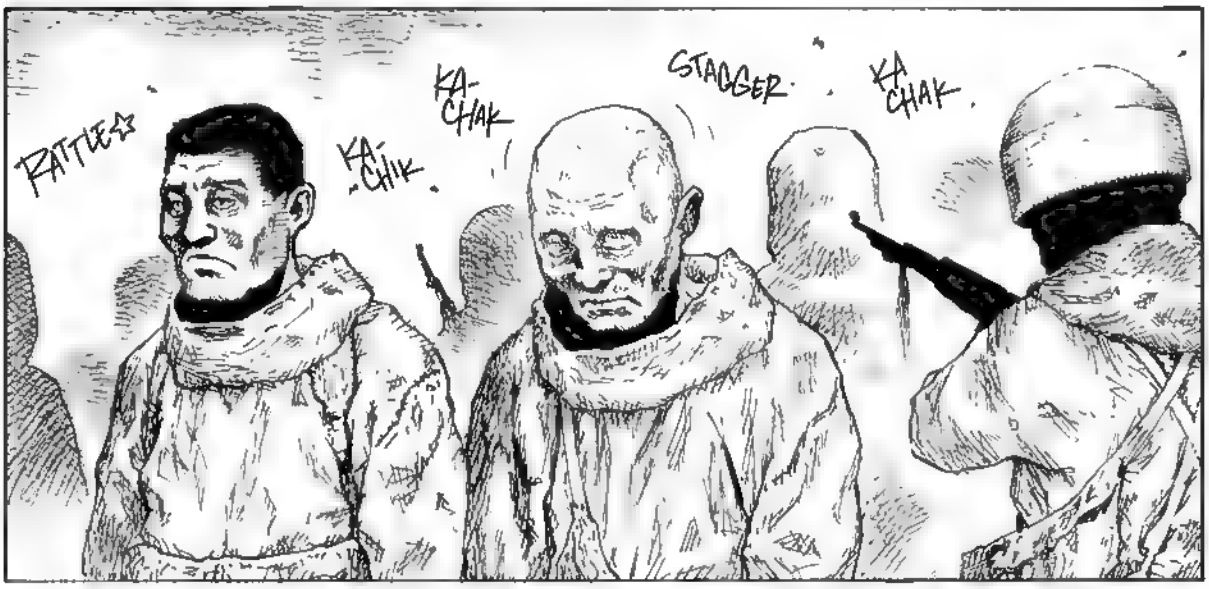
CRUNCH RUSTLE SHUFFLE SHUFFLE








WHOOOOSH


RATTLE
KA-CHIK
KA-CHAK
STAGGER
KA-CHAK

SORRY.
I'M GOOD.
AH... YEAH, SORRY...
HEY, YOU OKAY?
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

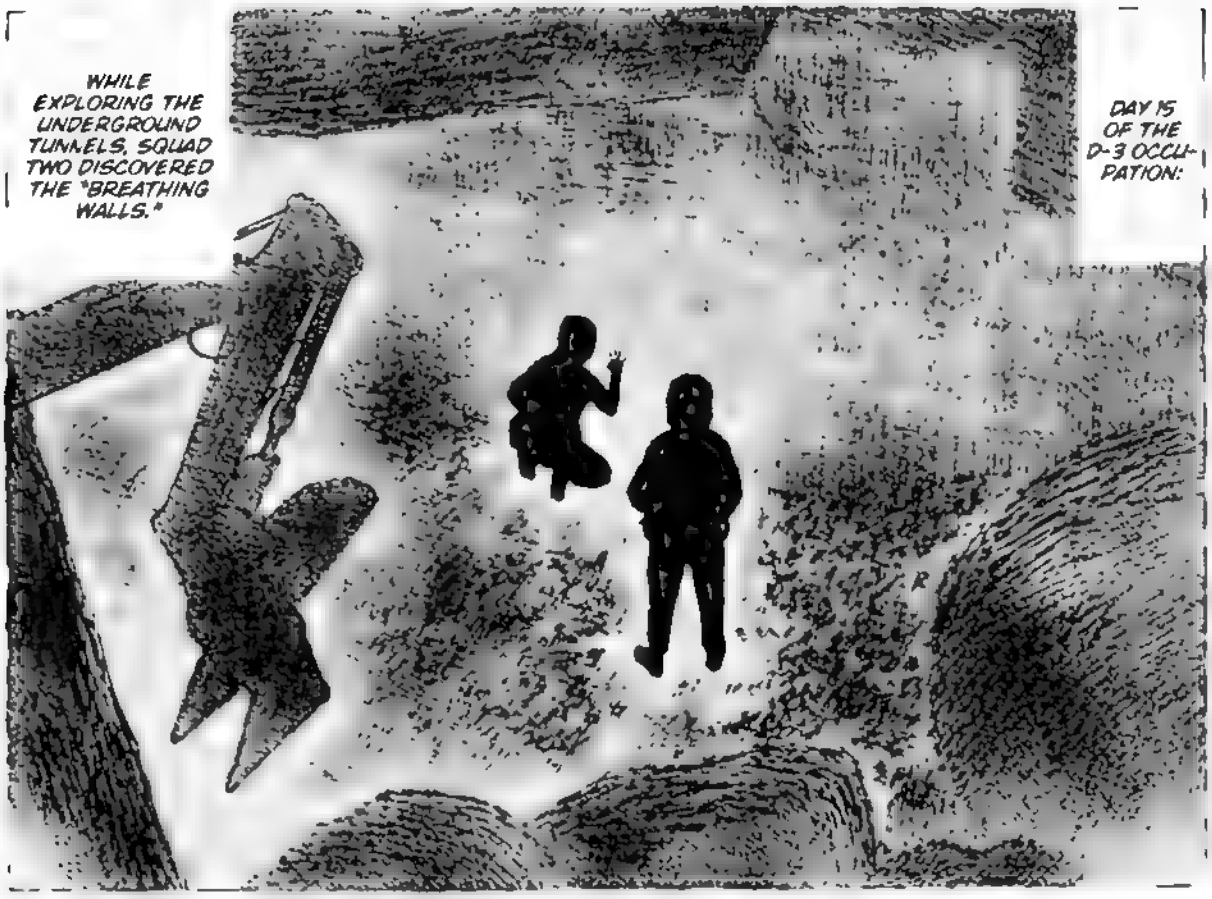
BUMP
TUMBLE

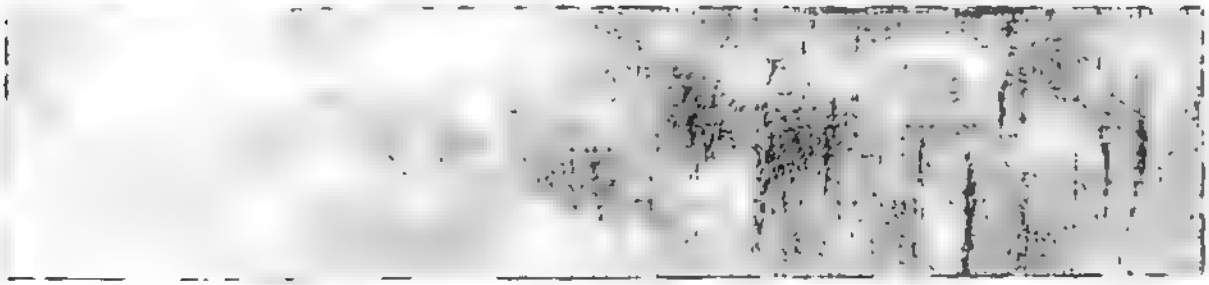
RIGHT. A LITTLE MORE.
AHH.
AHH...
JUST A LITTLE MORE TO GO.
PANT
PANT

ONE DAY AGO

AN ESCAPE PLAN?

YOU SEE THEM BRAINS SENT FLYING WHEN THE OTHER GUYS TRIED?
HOW IS THAT GONNA WORK?
SQUAD TWO HAS OPENED A PATH FOR US.
THE PLAN IS ALREADY IN EFFECT.


WHILE EXPLORING THE UNDERGROUND TUNNELS, SQUAD TWO DISCOVERED THE "BREATHING WALLS."
DAY 15 OF THE D-3 OCCUPATION:



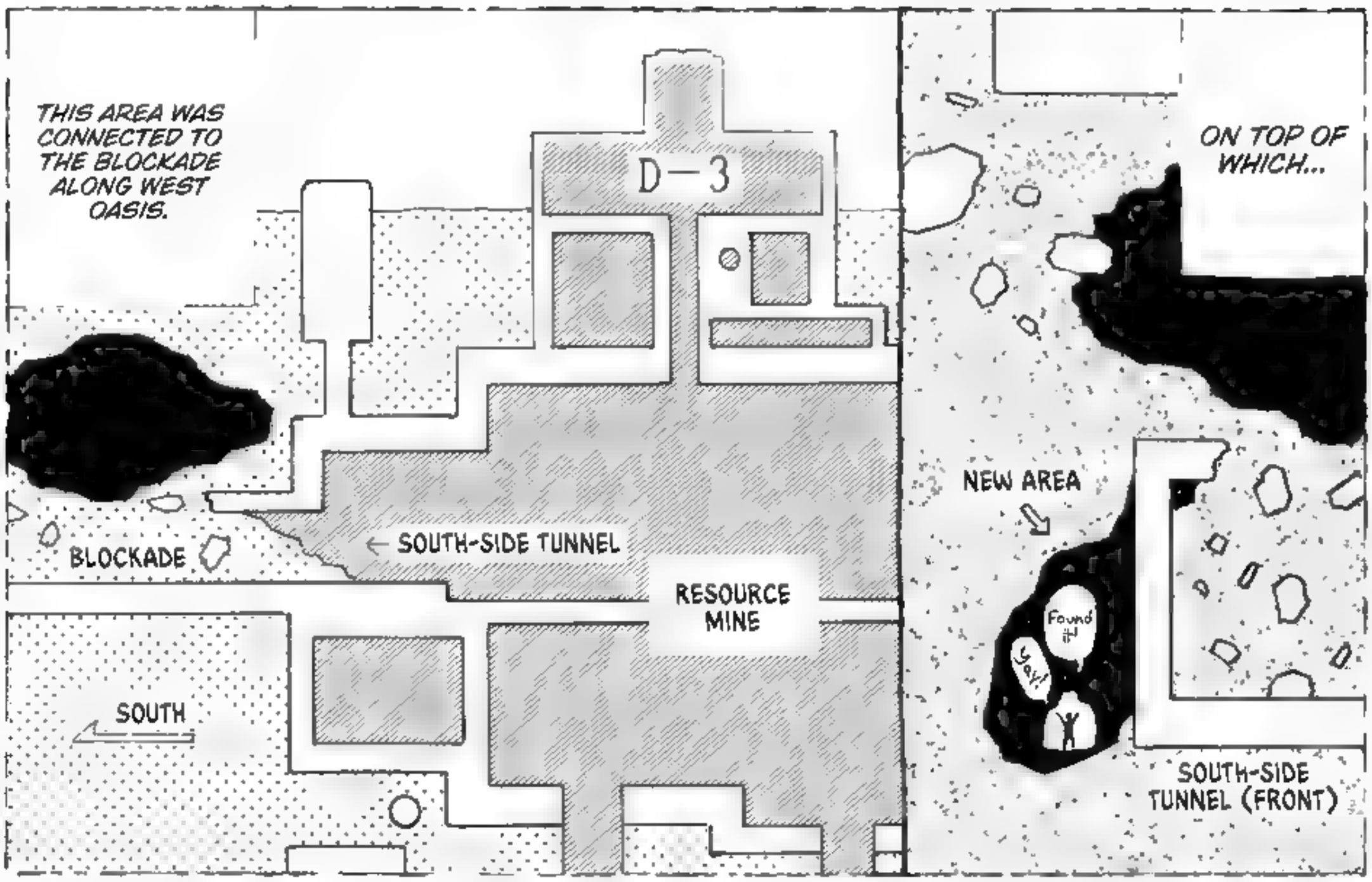
FWOOOO.
I knew it!
THESE WALLS SUCK UP THE POISONOUS GAS WITHIN THE TUNNELS AND BREATHE IN FRESH AIR FROM THE OUTSIDE.
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
CRICK

THE EXPLOSION SPAWNED COUNTLESS THIN CRACKS WHICH ABSORBED THE GAS.

NEARBY WAS A TUNNEL CONNECTING TO THE SOUTH, SEALED WITH EXPLOSIONS BY THE WEST OASIS ARMY WHILE THEY WERE RETREATING.

A NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN UNDERGROUND AREA.

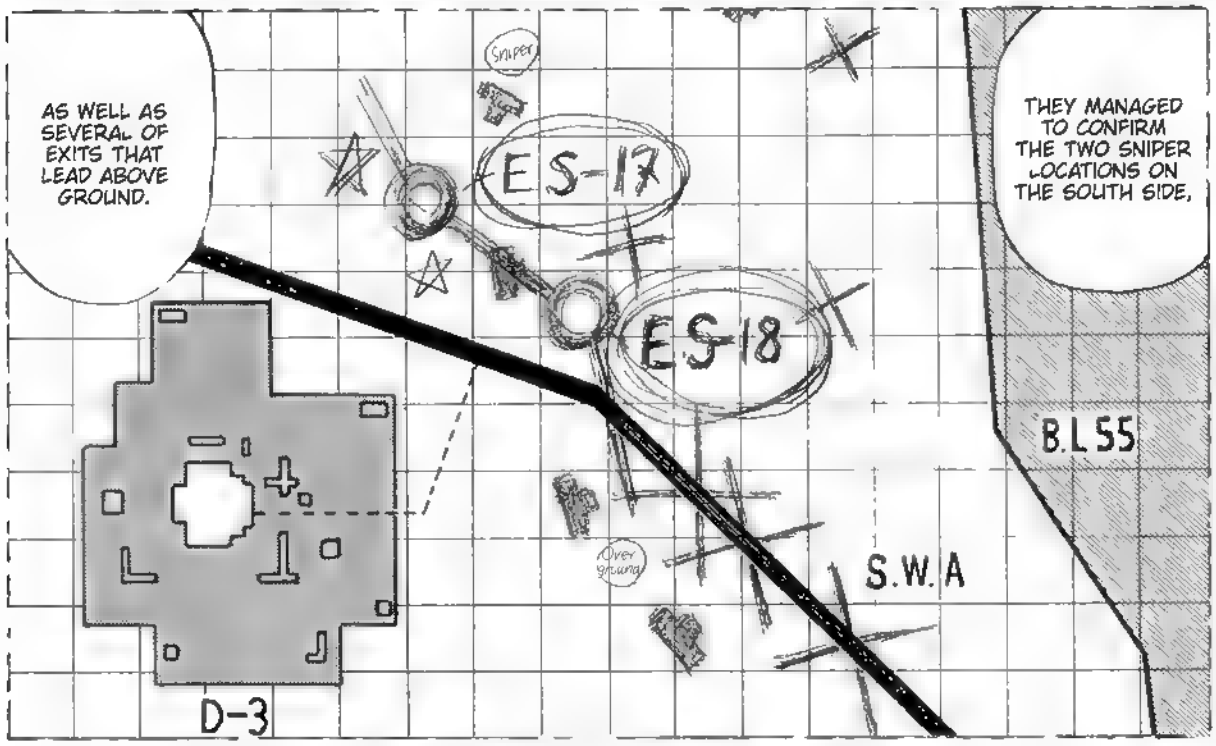
SQUAD TWO MANAGED TO DISCOVER WHAT WEST OASIS COULDN'T.


THIS AREA WAS CONNECTED TO THE BLOCKADE ALONG WEST OASIS.
D-3
ON TOP OF WHICH...
NEW AREA
Found it!
Yay!
BLOCKADE
← SOUTH-SIDE TUNNEL
RESOURCE MINE
SOUTH
SOUTH-SIDE TUNNEL (FRONT)

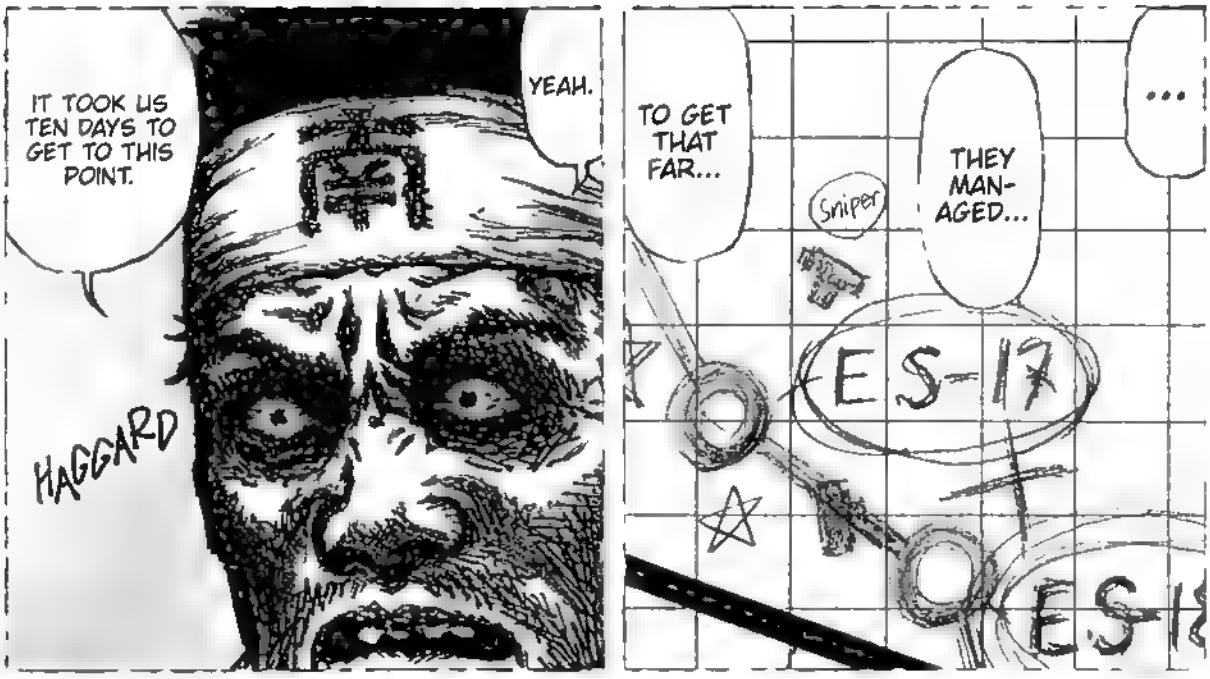
...NO.
...TO ATTACK THEIR BLOCKADE?
ARE YOU SAYING WE'LL USE THIS UNDERGROUND AREA...

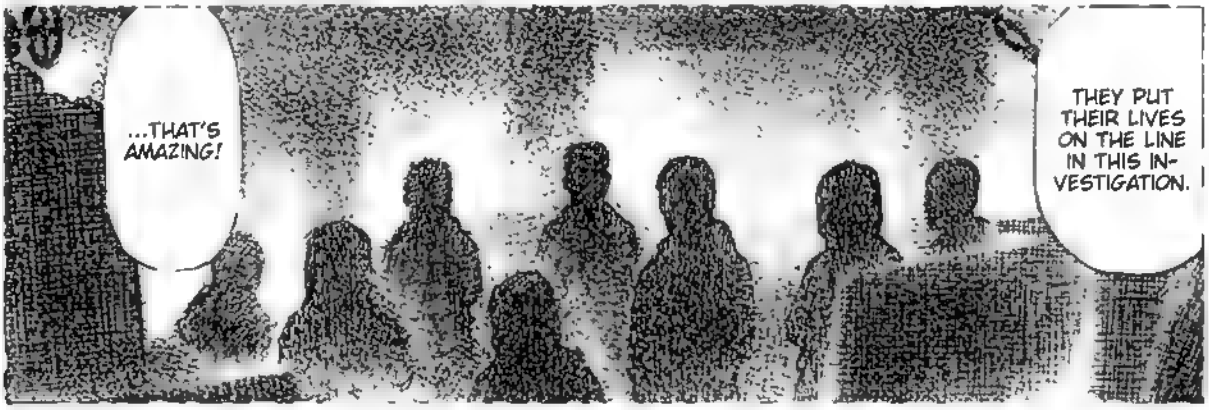
SQUADS WERE GIVEN OXYGEN FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MANEUVERING THE POISON GAS-FILLED UNDER-GROUND.
WE DON'T HAVE THE OXYGEN FOR IT.
OF COURSE WE'D LIKE TO DO THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT...
500 atm, 1 liter

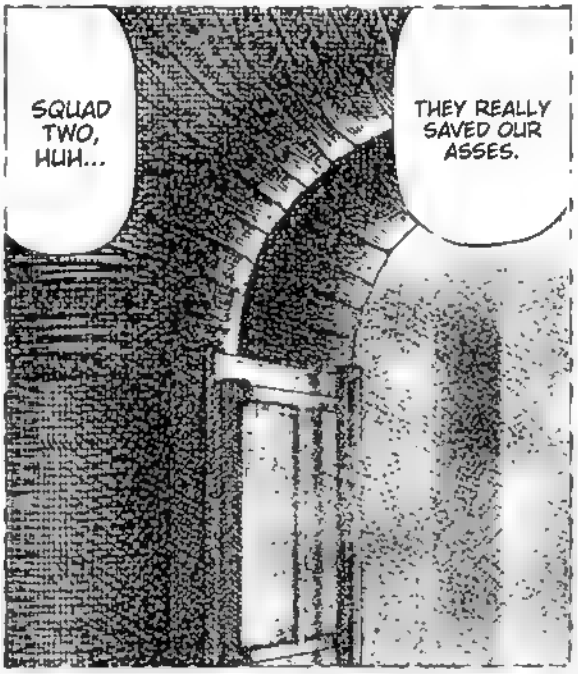
YOU MEAN THEY'VE IN-FILTRATED THE ENEMY CAMP?
A DEEP COVER INVESTI-GATION?
THE REST WAS GIVEN TO SQUAD TWO TO PERFORM A DEEP COVER INVESTIGATION OF THE BLOCKADE.
THAT'S RIGHT.


AS WELL AS SEVERAL OF EXITS THAT LEAD ABOVE GROUND.
Sniper
ES-17
ES-18
THEY MANAGED TO CONFIRM THE TWO SNIPER LOCATIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE,
B.L55
Over ground
S.W.A
D-3

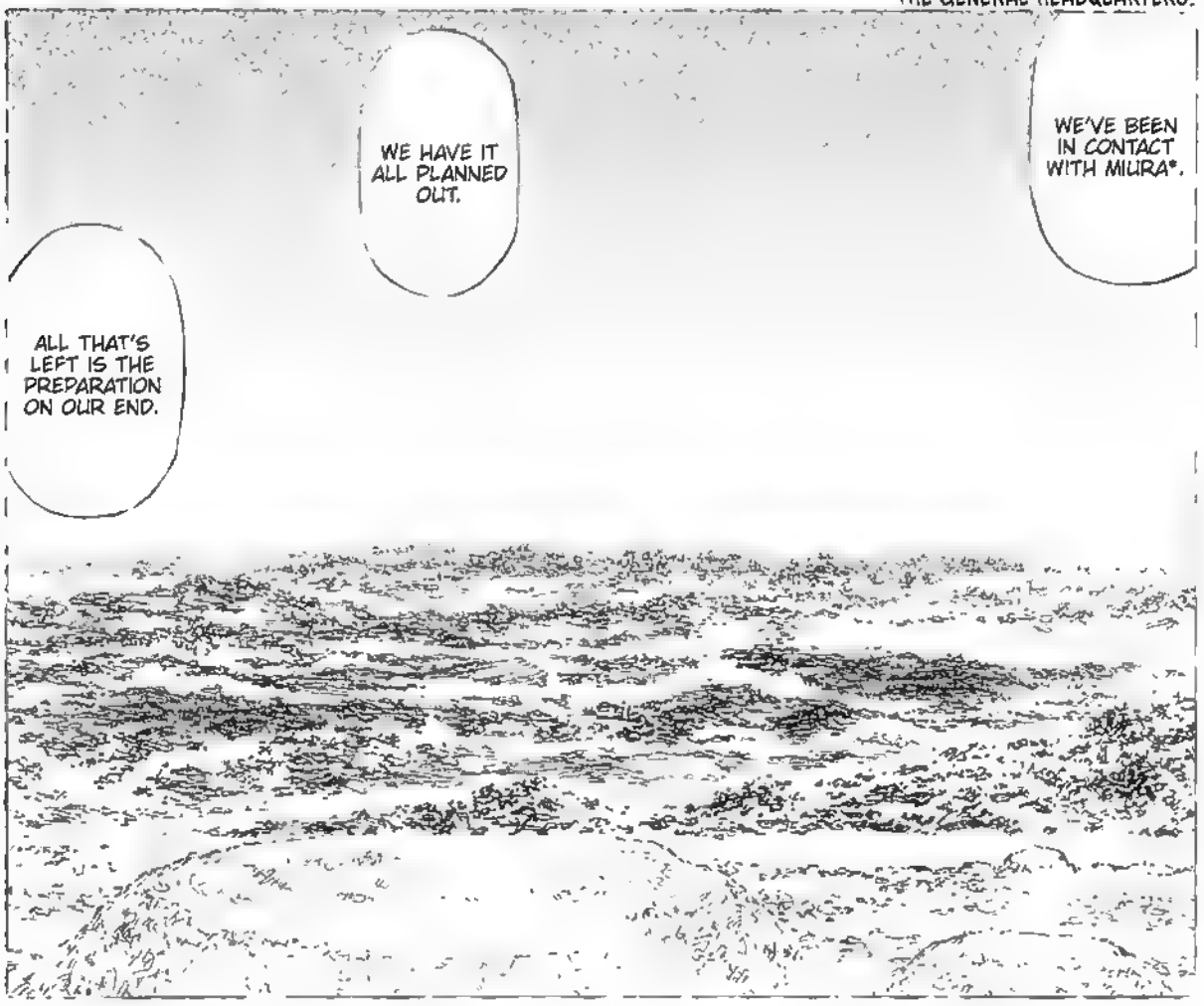
THERE ARE JUST ENOUGH OF THEM PROTECTING THE BLOCKADE.
THEY HAVE FEWER MEN THAN EXPECTED.


IT TOOK US TEN DAYS TO GET TO THIS POINT.
YEAH.
HAGGARD
TO GET THAT FAR...
THEY MAN-AGED...
...
Sniper
ES-17
ES-1


...THAT'S AMAZING!
THEY PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE IN THIS IN-VESTIGATION.


SQUAD TWO, HUH...
THEY REALLY SAVED OUR ASSES.

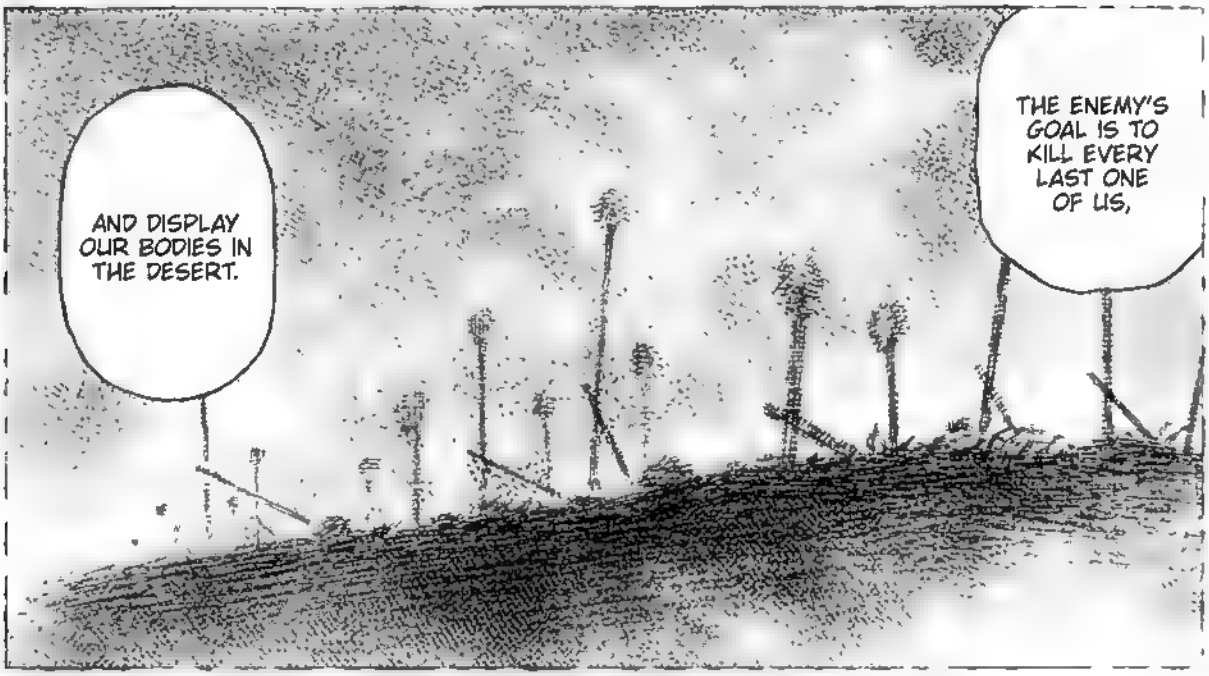
*THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.



IT'S BETTER THAN GETTING COMPLETELY WIPED OUT.
YOU'RE SAYING D-3'S CAPTURE IS A FAILURE.

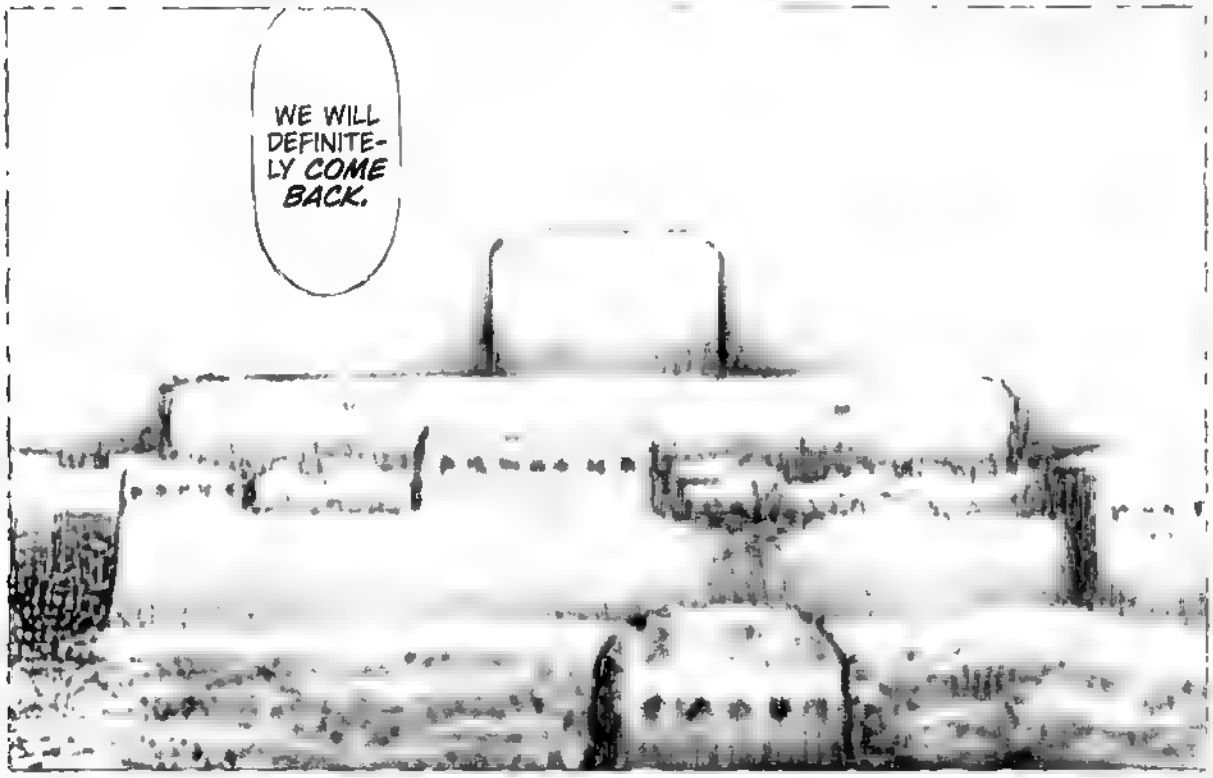
AFTER TELLING US TO DEFEND IT AT ANY COST?
SO MIURA IS FINE WITH DITCHING D-3?

WE PLAYED RIGHT INTO THE ENEMY'S TRAP.

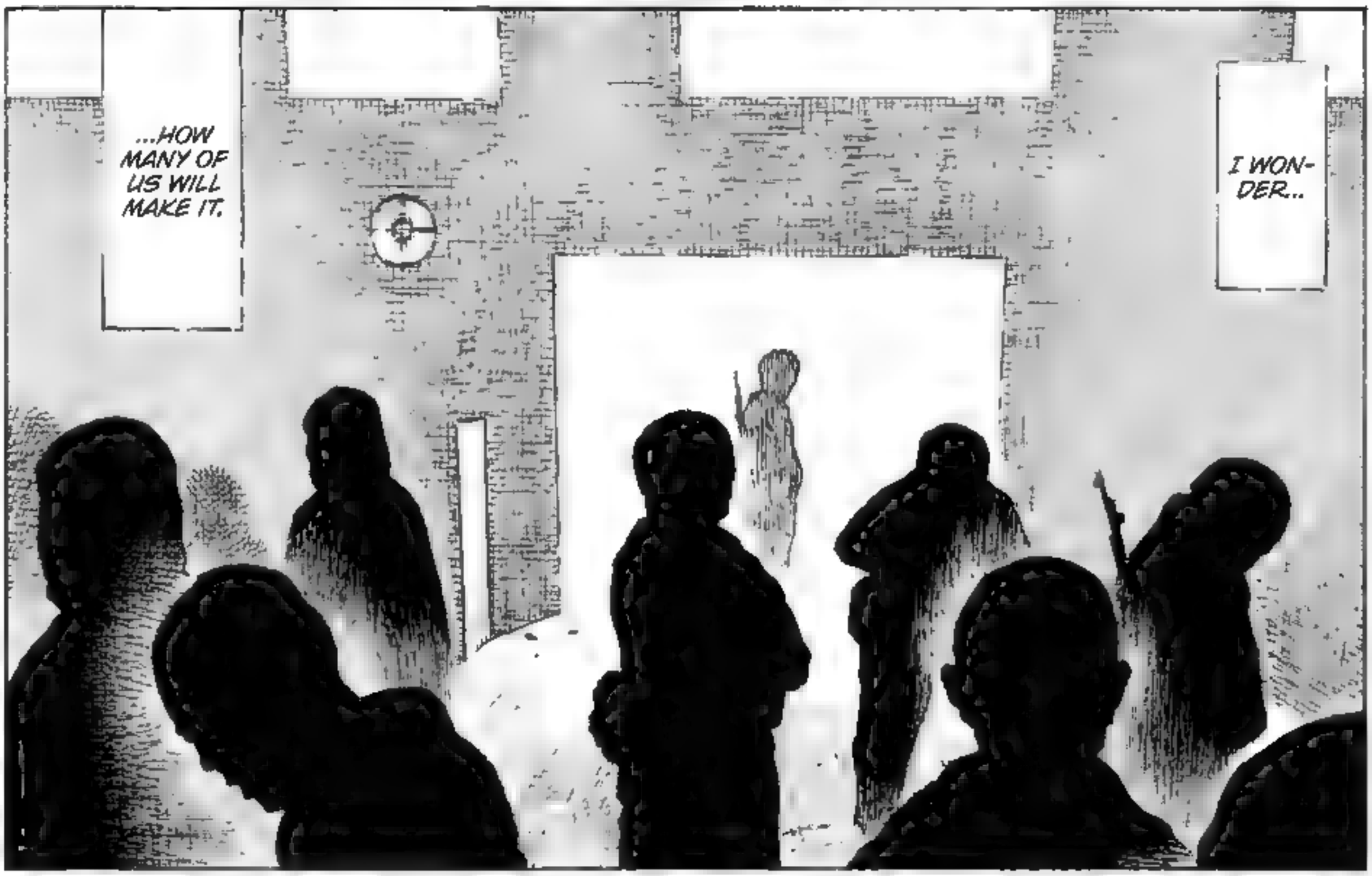

AND DISPLAY OUR BODIES IN THE DESERT.
THE ENEMY'S GOAL IS TO KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF US,

WE'RE GONNA BREAK OUT OF THIS DIRTY TRAP OF THEIRS!
BUT THIS ENDS HERE RIGHT NOW! WE WILL NOT LET THEM DO AS THEY PLEASE!

AND THEN...
That freaked me out!


WE WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK.

THE BREAKOUT BEGINS.



PANT
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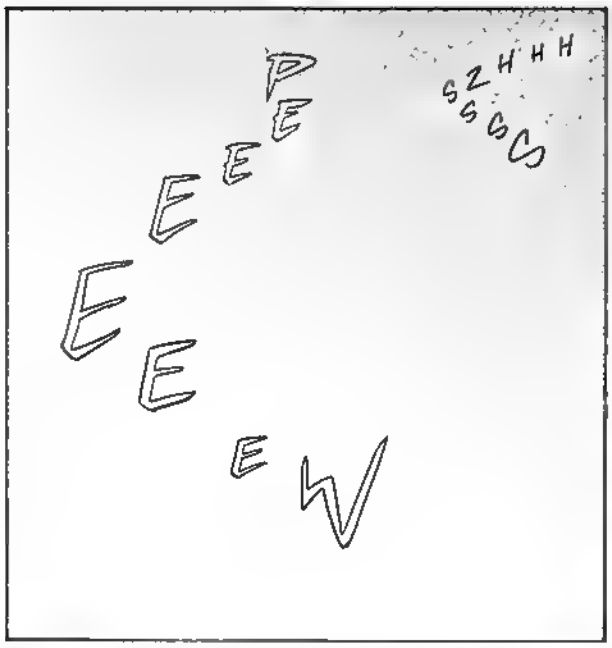
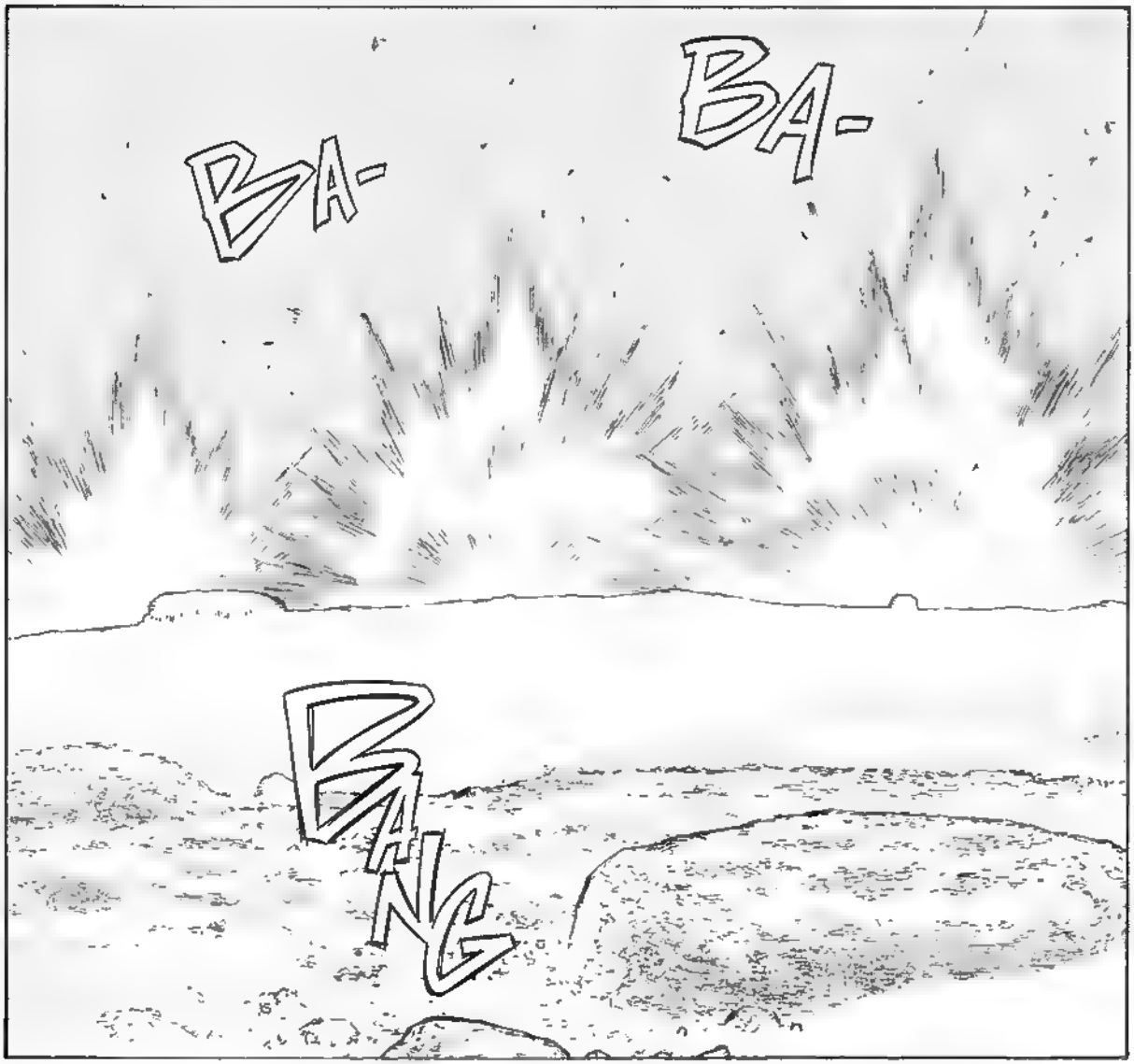
RUSTLE

SNEAK
CRUMBLE


PEEEEEEEEW
SSSZHHH

BOOM
BOOM
BA-BAM
BAM
BANG
BANG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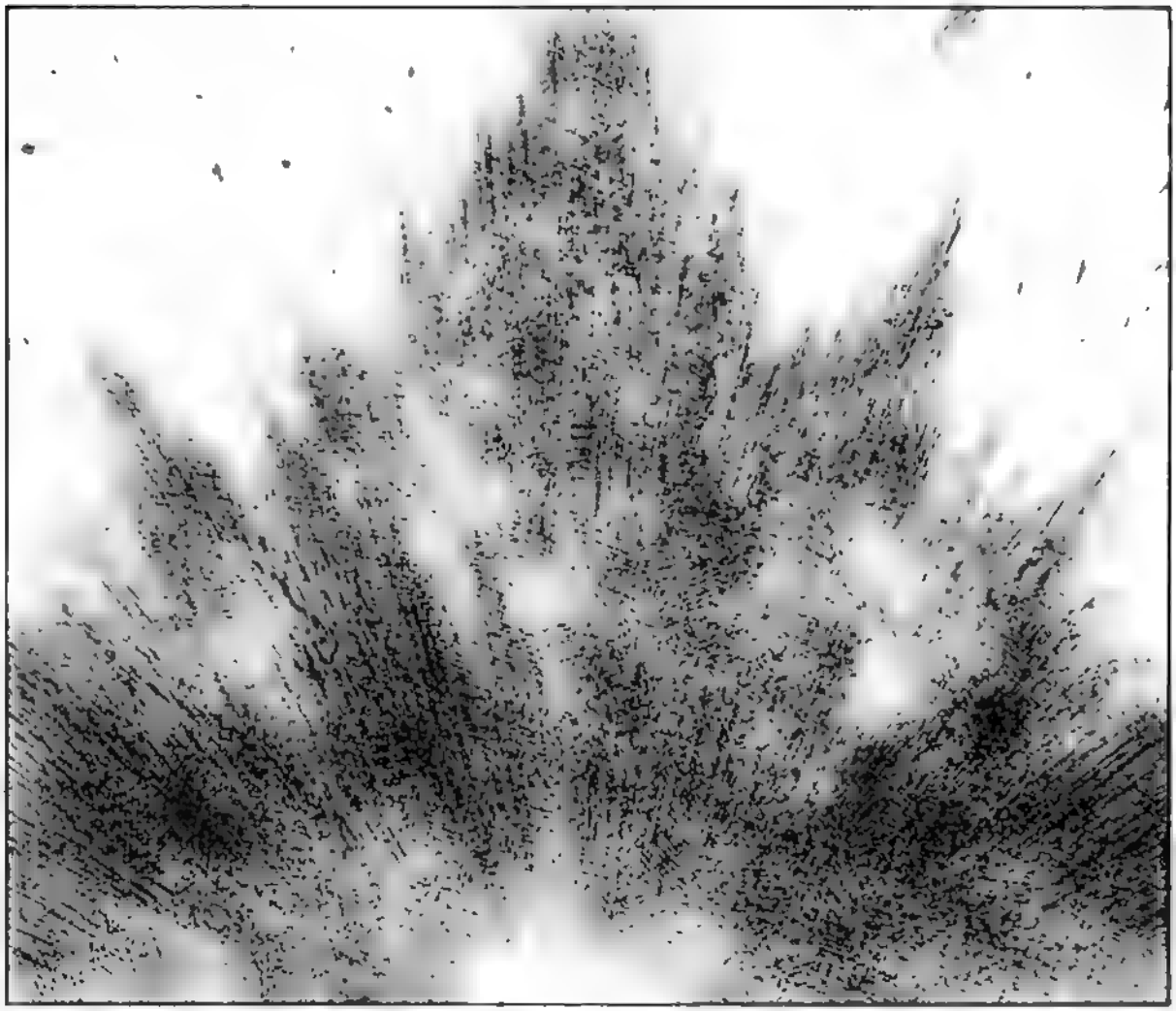
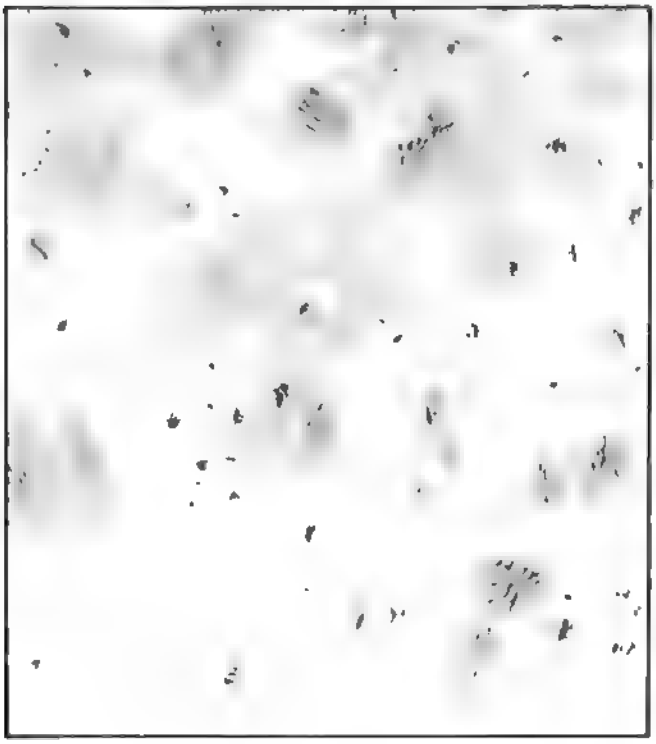
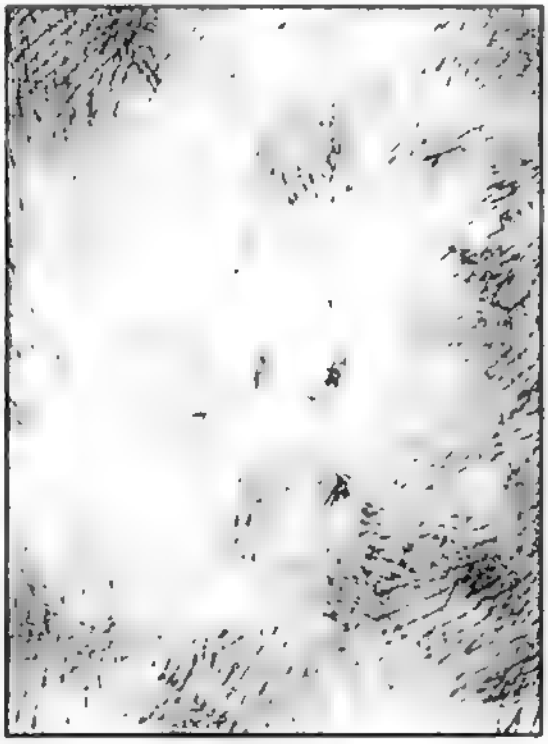
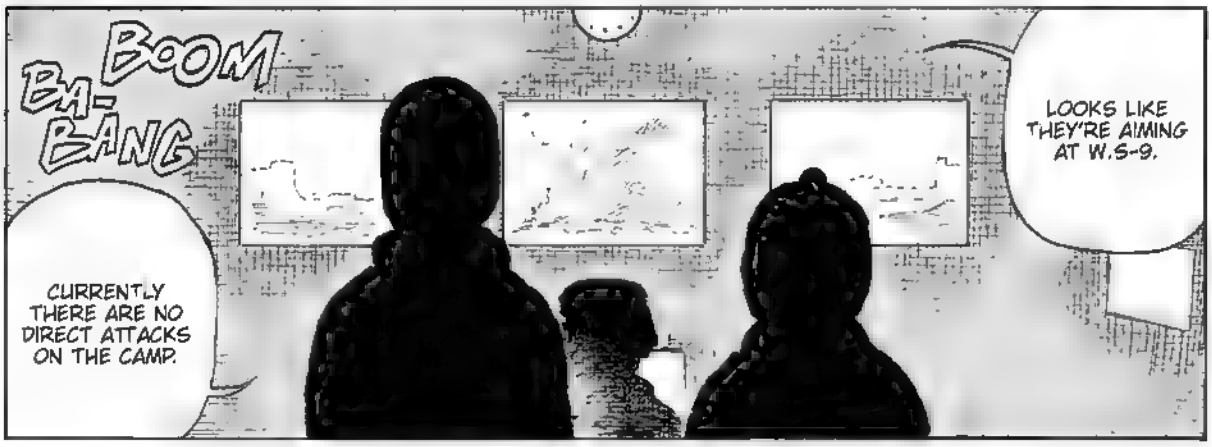







BOOM
BA-BANG
CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO DIRECT ATTACKS ON THE CAMP.
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE AIMING AT W.S-9.

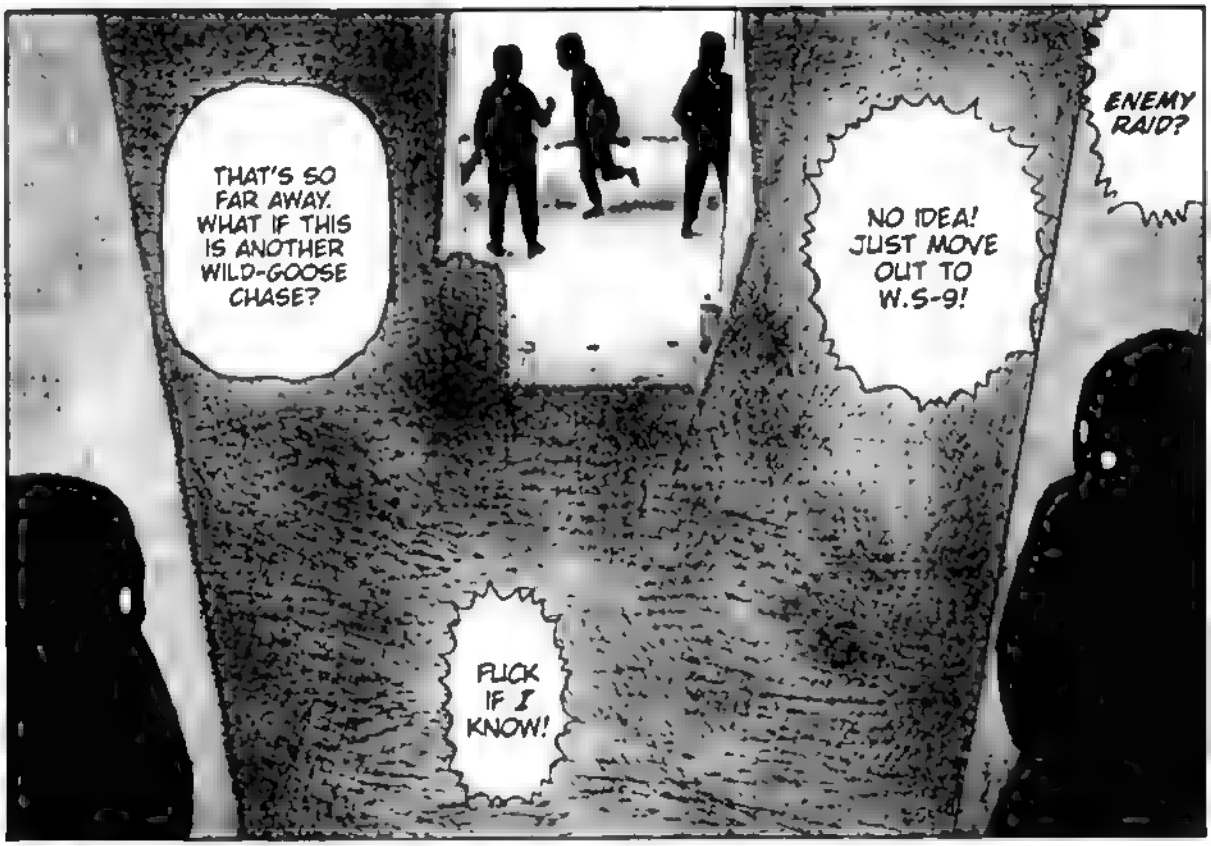
WHAT'S UP WITH THEM?
DOING NOTHING BUT SHELLING...
...IS BASICALLY THROWING AWAY MONEY.
Are they tryna piss us off?

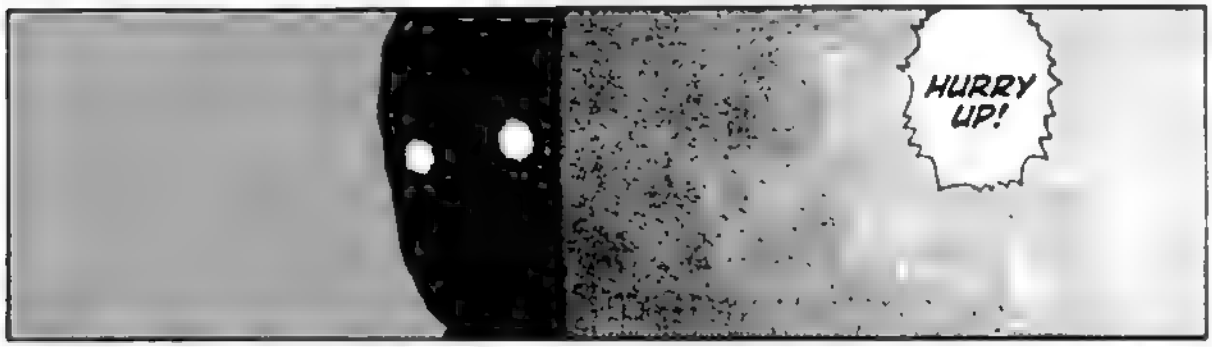
ANY SIGNS OF THE ENEMY TROOPS CLOSING IN?
NOT AT THE MOMENT.

CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER
CRUMBLE CRUMBLE CRUMBLE
SHALL WE GATHER THE MEN ON-SITE?
BOOM
BAM
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE CANNOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY'D SEND IN THEIR UNITS TO ATTACK.
BOOM
BONG
CRUMBLE CRUMBLE
BA-BAM

HRM-MMM-MPH!

BEEEEEEP
ALL AVAILABLE UNITS HEAD TO W.S-9.
BEEEEEEP
EMER-GENCY DEPLOY-MENT!
MOVE IT!


THAT'S SO FAR AWAY. WHAT IF THIS IS ANOTHER WILD-GOOSE CHASE?
ENEMY RAID?
NO IDEA! JUST MOVE OUT TO W.S-9!
FUCK IF I KNOW!


HURRY UP!

WHO
PEEW

KA-
BOOM

STILL NO NEW GUNS. I'M REALLY REALLY SORRY! ...NEXT VOLUME, I PROMISE!

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